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Education **Taking the moral** high ground in

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Head closes pupil-row school

'If boy stays I can't I guarantee safety'

Donald MacLeod

WO hundred chilto attend their school today in the latest confrontation over deteriorating classroom disci-pline which has set ministers, local authorities, teachers and governors at odds.

A threat by members of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers at Manton junior school, near Worksop, Nottinghamshire, to strike over a 10-year-old boy who is accused of attacking other pupils yesterday prompted the headteacher to close the school indefinitely on health and safety grounds. He said he could not guarantee the safety of pupils if the boy

The confrontation has fuelled fears of increasingly chaotic school management and discipline, after a crisis Inspection at the Ridings school. Halifax, and a national debate over morality and behaviour following the murder of the London headteacher, Philip Lawrence. Parents are also at odds with a Luton primary teacher who - allowed a boy to punish class mates with a ruler after they bullied him. She faces disci plinary action.

Graham Lane, Labour education chairman of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities, said the Manton teachers' action was outrageous. "We cannot have a sit-uation where teachers are the teach. They are setting the most incredible example to

young people because they are bullyboy tactics." Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, the local education authority, teach-ers' unions and school gover-nors yesterday blamed each other for the failure to relieve the impasse over Matthew Wilson, whose mother insists he should be taught in normal

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sent to a special school. When the eight staff voted lessons, Fred Riddell, who chairs Nottinghamshire's

chairs Nottinghamshire's education committee, intervened and the governors agreed six weeks ago to individual tuition.

The governing body, which has twice overruled the headtearher, Bill Skelley, when he recommended that Matthew be excelled, is to meet to progress. expelled, is to meet tomorrow. The governors have decided he should return to classes, after spending £3,068 on a supply teacher for the boy. Eileen Bennett, chair-

woman of the governors, ac-companied Matthew and his mother, Pamela Cliffe, into mother, Pamela Cliffe, into school yesterday despite a warning from the council. "He has got a legal right to be in that school," she said. "The lad has done magnificently. It was a lot of money but it has been worthwhile. But I do not think it is a good idea to crimmalise a 10-year-old by teach. inalise a 10-year-old by teaching him in isolation. Teachers have got powerful unions but children have nobody to

speak up for them."

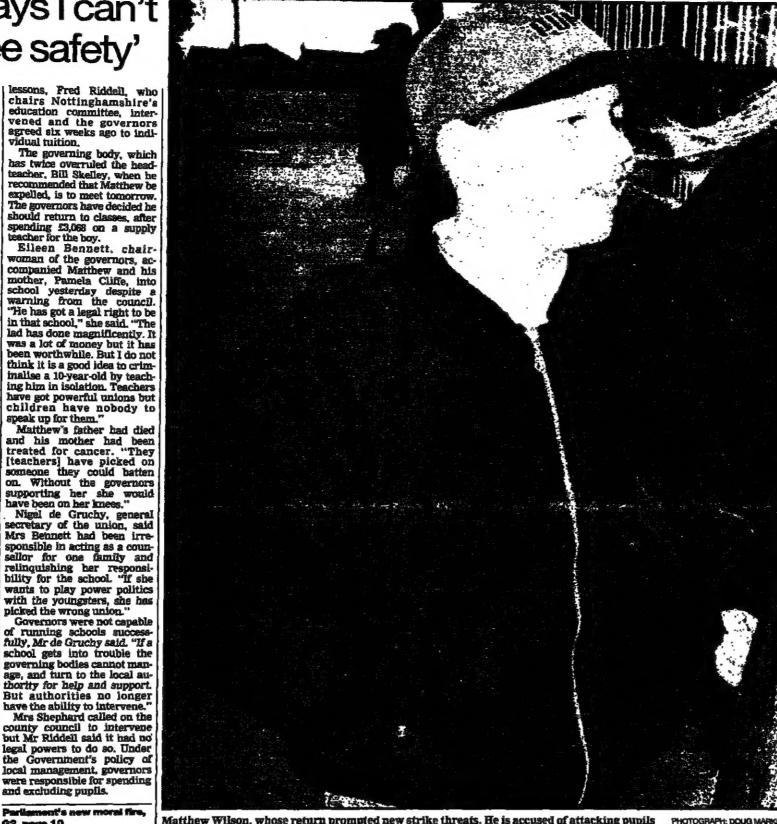
Matthew's father had died and his mother had been treated for cancer. "They teachers have picked on someone they could batten on. Without the governors supporting her she would have been on her knees."

Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the union, said sponsible in acting as a coun-sellor for one family and relinquishing her responsi-bility for the school. "If she wants to play power politics with the youngsters, she has picked the wrong union." Governors were not capable of running schools success-

school gets into trouble the governing bodies cannot manage, and turn to the local au-thority for help and support. But authorities no longer have the ability to intervene." Mrs Shephard called on the county council to intervene but Mr Riddell said it had no legal powers to do so. Under the Government's policy of local management, governors

Parliament's new moral fire,

and excluding pupils.



Matthew Wilson, whose return prompted new strike threats. He is accused of attacking pupils PHOTOGRAPH: DOUG MARKE

Parties move towards knife ban Airline jettisons royal tag to avoid conveying a 'negative' image

Kamai Ahmed, Michael White and Ewan MacAskill

OLITICIANS from all parties were last night moving towards a ban on combat knives, as Michael Howard softened his stance against legislation to outlaw them amid signs that the Labour Party was working on

its own proposals.
The Liberal Democrats gave a cautious welcome to an unofficial four-point plan emanating from Labour, with several barristers and police unpublished document was a good starting point.

The four clauses in the document propose that the sup-pliers of knives would be required to say what the knife was for, that the selling of knives designed for violence be made an offence; that the marketing and advertising of such knives would also be an offence; and that the police should keep a list of prohib-ited knife designs which suppliers would have to consult.
As Labour tried to increase the pressure on the Govern-ment by launching a national

The draft proposal

That suppliers of all knives shall be required to set out the purposes for which they are designed.

☐ That the selling of knives ed for violence shall be an offence (unless permission be granted for supplying such knives for military purposes).

☐ That the marketing or advertising of knives and other weapons in a way

etition. Mr Howard offered to act immediately if a satisfactory definition of such weapons was available. His tone was in marked contrast to last week when the Government, after two U-turns on paedophiles and stalking, rejected a Labour offer to dis-

In a Queen's Speech debate yesterday, the shadow home secretary, Jack Straw, brandished a copy of Gun Mart and Accessories advertising combat knives above his head. He said there was a pal-

which appears to condone or incite violence shall be

□ That where a supplier or retailer believes the design of a knife is excessive for the purpose described and that an alternative use for the knife is violence, they shall be required to consult which are unsuitable for public sale

pable difference between knives, which he said had "no purpose whatever but maining and killing people, and should be banned".

Mr Howard has said he will meet Mr Straw if a workable definition is on the table. The

four proposals could be the first step towards that. The Liberal Democrats gave a qualified welcome to the draft document. "I would

Liberal Democrat legal affairs

spokesman who is a QC and a part-time judge. "I believe that the parliamentary draughtsmen could turn them into workable legislation." "Although defining the

knives themselves is difficult, their marketing, display and sale is an appropriate target and could produce by agree-ment very workable legislation," he said.

The fourth proposal, which says that knife designs that are excessive for their intended purpose should be referred to the police, was more difficult to support as it could include a large number of domestic knives which have perfectly innocent uses.

The police have also given their backing the proposals.

"It cannot be beyond the wit of the government and parliament to arrive at a defi-nition of these type of knives," said Jim Fraser, chairman of the Scottish Police Federation. "These knives are available in cities across the country, and al-though some legislation is there which can be used we

Nick Variey

BRITAIN'S biggest holiday airline is dropping the word royal from its in-flight service because it no longer conveys the right image.

The Royal Service, intro-duced four years ago and fea-turing red, white and blue livery, will be phased out next year, Britannia Airways said yesterday. Its public relations chief,

Richard Hedges, explained: "We have done some market research and have found that the name 'royal' no longer has the kudos and the posi-tive associations it had when we introduced it on flights in

Publicised on its launch by pictures of a stewardess serv-ing a Spitting Image likeness of the Prince of Wales, and despite the Princess Royal being a regular customer, it will now go the same way as the television show. Since 1992 the Royal Family

have endured one scandal after another, including both Charles and Diana admitting Roger Burnell, managing

director of Luton-based Bri tannia, which carried 8 mil-lion passengers last year, told staff of the changes in a letter which said shifts in public

opinion had to be acted upon. "Research we have carried tannia's exterior livery is still very strong, it is now the right time to introduce a new on board service brand which recognises changing tastes, fashions and lifestyles," he

A Buckingham Palace spokesman said: "This deci-sion is a matter for the company, and it is not something

we would comment on."

Harry Greenway, Tory MP
for Ealing North, was surprised at the move. "To lose the association with the Queen and the Queen Mother. of the Royal Family, is to lose cannot believe they can afford to do that," he said.

Many organisations immediately moved to pledge loy-alty to the Royal link, including the Royal College of Psychiatrists, which said it was "quite bappy" with its royal charter.

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School crisis: What they say

'He has a legal right to be in that school. The lad has done magnificently...I do not think it is a good idea to criminalise a 10-year-old by teaching him in isolation. Teachers have got powerful unions but children have nobody to speak up for them." Eileen Bennett. chairwoman of governors

"If she wants to play power politics with the youngsters, she has picked the wrong union . . . Governors are not capable of running schools successfully."

Nigel de Gruchy, teachers' union leader

"This is entirely the responsibility of Nottinghamshire county council. I call on the chair of the education committee to announce how he proposes to ensure that pupils at Manton School get the uninterrupted education to which they are entitled." Gillian Shephard, **Education Secretary**



"This is a dispute between the headteacher, who wanted to permanently exclude a child on two occasions, and the governing body . . We have no legal rights to be interfering with this school."

Fred Riddell. **Nottinghamshire** education chairman

'As I am not in a position to guarantee the appropriate health and safety of all the children in the school, I have to tell you that school will be closed tomorrow." Bill Skelley, head

teacher of Manton junior school, in letter to parents

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Sketch

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Simon Hoggart

HE Home Secretary started badly. "My first priority has always been to protect the public and to create a safer Britain," he plonked. This was met by mocking Labour laughte

It may have put him off his stroke, because when he is rattled Mr Howard's vowels undergo what we phonologists call the "Lianelli Shift", and all turn into the letter L

"Pipple diserve protiction." he said. "We wir not ibble to come up with a siccessful definition of a combat knife," he added. The effect is hypnotic.

As was his claim that the Government had decided to whip the vote on handguns purely out of concern for the Dunblane parents. "It is our aim to get it on the stitute book as quickly as pissible so that the pipple of Dunblane can draw a line under it. I do not think a free vote would issist

This is as if our big-hearted Government had refused to pass strict rules on pension funds, so that the Maxwell victims could forget their

The dehate descended. The more backbenchers protested that they would not make capital out of Dunblane, the more capital they made.

Mr Howard gleefully quoted a letter from Peter Mandelson, in which he had assured a constituent that "pipple such as yourself will still be able to own handguns"

(Possibly Mr Mandelson, Tony Blair's spin doctor, had been referring only to guns fitted with silencers which, like him, work, you might say, off the record.)

Edward Leigh, a Tory who was rightwing so long ago that Mr Major dared to sack him. was worried for gun owners. Would they get the full market

rate for their weapons? "They will indid!" said Mr Howard. But what is the marWhat they paid? What they would fetch in an East End

David Mellor suggested that many gun owners thus compensated would go out and buy the still legal .22s, which killed Bobby Kennedy and Yitzak Shamir. Mr Mellor loathes all weapons, except those which can destroy a city on the other side of the world. He

ing them. Labour MPs stood up and tried to persuade Mr Howard to frame a law which would ban combat knives.

makes a lot of money support-

Mr Straw quoted a senior policeman: "If they can get a man on the moon, they can get a definition of a combat knife." (I was reminded of the feminist T-shirt: "If they can get a man on the moon, why

not all of them?")
He waved an ad. "The Vindicator has no other purpose than maining and killing." and even from a distance it did not look like the things they give you on planes to eat your ood-style lunch.

The debate became surreal stic. Dame Elaine Kellett-Bowman rose and sat down, rose and sat down, until she looked like the shower scene of Psycho. She began to shout and all the knives in the cafe-

teria went blunt. "It is possible to distinguish etween a kitchen knife and this!" shouted Mr Straw. banging his picture of the Vindicator. "Of course I would like to ban combat knives." shouted Mr Howard. The Dame rose menacingly behind him. "But we need a satisfac-

tory definition! Then Dame Elaine began to speak, like Hitchcock's famous screeching violins.

"Scree! Scree! Scree!" they go on the soundtrack. "Scritch! Scritch! Scritch!" her voice still echoes in my head.

"I happen to be a keen cook! was the country's Number One housewife!" she boasted. 'It would be very difficult to define knives. All it proves is that his wife never let him into her kitchen.

A vision of the Dame in her own dream kitchen, viciously attacking a fruit loaf with the Vindicator, floated into my horrified mind.

Live Briefs, Steve Bell and Simon Hoggart's satirical look at the political, is published this week by Methuen (£9,99).

ket rate for illegal goods?

Review

Free players show three's company

John Fordham

Tracey/Presencer/Parker Vortex, Stoke Newington

C TAN TRACEY, the inimitable English planist, will be 70 in December, although time appears to be travelling in reverse for him. His look of gnomic amusement grows more amiably sar donic by the year. His short tour, which culmi-

nated in Appleby, Cumbria, last night, was with a band that will certainly register as one of the memorable ensembles of 1996, and maybe of a longer period than that — par ticularly if its exploits are recorded. Tracey is playing with trumpeter Gerard Presencer, the regular partner whom he often points out could be his grandson, and with a much more unexpected addition — the free-jazz saxo-

phonist, Evan Parker. The result, equally unexpectedly, makes everybody play better than usual. All three have developed distinctively commanding styles with which they can engage a audience in their sleep. But all three are also occasionally

talents, which is to microway set pieces and recycle them. But on this show everybody listened like hawks and played accordingly — Tracey operat-ing like a rhythm section at the keyboard, with clangs, bumps, tinkling sounds and metallic trills like cymbal patterns; Presencer wrestling out of his neat bebop clothes into something fascinatingly looser, and Parker taking his atonal technique much closer to orthodox intonation to

meet the others. Tracey is a textural pianist anyway, who dislikes tricksy scale-run-ning, a quality that unites him

Tracey and Presencer opened their London show, at the Vortex, with conventional jazz, and after a bit of jogging and warming-up, the latter (on flugelborn throughout the night) unleashed an astonishingly resourceful solo on Thedouble-time runs flying over Tracey's interrogatory arpeggios, sly walking bass effects and prodding chords.

The pianist then demonstrated exactly why he has been a hero (often an unsung one) of the British jazz scene for half a century in a ballad solo of woodpecker tappings. clustered runs so impacted as to sound liquid, repeated slurs and suddenly whispered descending harmonies that was an object lesson in lateral use

of the piano's resources.
All three players came together to close the first set and joined again at the end of the second, after Tracey and Parker had delivered a com-pletely contrasting investigation into free improvisation. They oscillated between jazzy melodic conversation and tennis match exchanges of sharply-struck chords and hollow tenor sax exclama-

tions, seamless soprano sax odysseys that bordered uncar nily on a kind of abstract Celtic music, and a joint ability to stop on a sixpence that was all but psychic.

Presencer joined them and turned out to be as imaginative a free player as Kenny Wheeler in earlier years; an evening jammed with unpremeditatedly thrilling music.

16 British airports 'have no hi-tech baggage security'

Richard Norton-Taylor

THE Department of Transport acknowledged yester-day that nearly half of Britain's airports lack up-to-date screening

A report by David Lord, the department's head of transport security and a former MI5 officer, has found that 16 of the country's 33 airports do not screen all hold baggage.

The department says that for security reasons it will not name the airports which have yet to install adequate numbers of machines. These include the CTX 5000 which can detect Semtex.

A DoT spokesman said it was up to individual airports to decide what screening equipment to buy.

Hostile £766m deal would put one-third of England's electricity supply into hands of American firms Howard rattled so US bid for power company

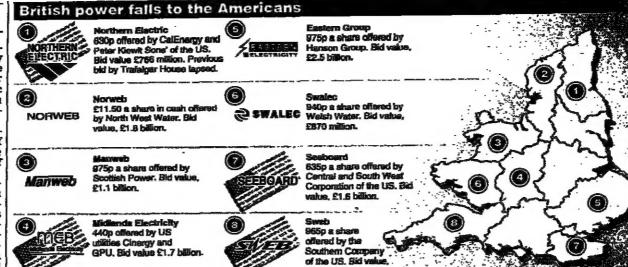
N AMERICAN generating company launched a hostile £766 million bid for Northern Electric yesterday, which could leave a third of England's power supply firms in American hands. The bid would offer Northern directors the prospect of windfall gains from share options worth hundreds of

housands of pounds.

As Nebraska-based Cal-Energy launched its 630p a share offer for the Newcastle based company, shares surged in other power compa nies on the back of City specu lation that other overseas bid-ders are also poised to launch takeovers before the general

The speculation came despite indications that the Government is taking a tougher line on utility takeovers. Last Friday Ian Lang, the Trade and Industry Secretary, blocked the battle between Severn Trent and Wessex Water to snap up South West

Northern rejected the hid, claiming that its board had



morning to consider an infor mal offer of 700p a share. If successful, Calenergy

backed by a US construction company called Peter Kiewit Sons' Inc, will become the fourth American group to buy an English regional electric

ern's 3,800 employees, Mike Jeram, head of energy at the Unison trade union, said: "If this takeover goes ahead it will mean that one third of England's electricity companies will be owned by

add to uncertainty for North- | and foreign takeovers in the utilities in the runup to the election, CalEnergy added to the controversy by admitting Labour's plans for a windfall tax in arriving at its valua-

tion for the company.

John Battle, shadow energy the City were already con-

utility profits would not damage the industries' strategies. He said: "They are well able to afford to make a contribution to getting 250,000 young-sters back to real work."

Mr Battle added that Labour would take steps to ensure US firms could not "salt money away" into other

accounts when it was made from regulated industries such as electricity.

Calknergy's chairman and chief executive, David Sokol, said job prospects for North-ern Electric employees should be enhanced by the takeover, which was aimed at building up the group's over-

Although Northern's 1.5 million consumers across the North-East were to be offered no direct benefit, Mr Sokol said they would do better under CalEnergy's strategy of boosting efficiency and cut-

ting the cost of power.
But the bid was opposed by the National Consumer Coun-cil, which called on Mr Lang to refer it to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on the grounds that it appeared to be against the public

CalEnergy builds and operates power stations in the US, Indonesia and the Philippines with assets of \$3.5 billion (£2.35 billion). Mr Sokol has pursued an aggressive expansion strategy at the little-known company, raising its market value from \$300 million to \$1.9 billion today.

4 die as gales strike

THREE-year-old boy was orphaned yester-day as four people died in gales which lashed much of the country, writes

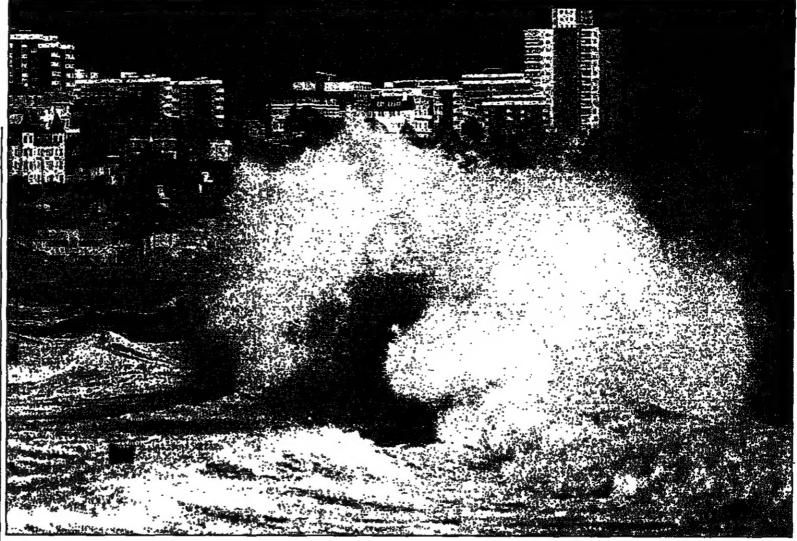
Luke Holliday was in the back of a car driven by his father, Paul, near their home near Bradford, West Yorkshire, when a 30ft tree

toppled on to it. Mr Holliday, aged 33, and his partner, Elaine Bell, 39, died at the scene. The boy was treated for minor

In Wales two anglers died after being swept out to sea Coastguards recovered the body of Paul Jones, aged 25, who was swept from a pier at Swansea West Dock on Sunday night. Another fishaway on Saturday near Ogmore-by-Sea, Mid

Glamorgan.
Last night forecasters warned that worse may come as winds of more than 80mph were recorded off the Welsh coast.

A London Weather Centre spokesman said: "There will be gusts even higher than that running through the valleys and on expo hilltops and winds will reach 60mph in the north."



PHOTOGRAPH: LEIGH GREEN

Rugby tackle led to death

John Duncan

N OXFORD University rugby player who sustained serious head injuries during a match at the weekend died at the National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery in London, it emerged yesterday. Ian Tucker, aged 23, died after tackling a Saracens

player who was scoring a try.
"The [Saracens] player was
diving over the line and Ian was caught underneath him as the player landed on the ground," said Steve Hill, director of rugby at Oxford University.

Mr Tucker's death high

lights the fact that rugby is the most dangerous sport in Britain. A Sports Council survey in 1991 found 50 "substan-tive" injuries per 1,000 occasions of participation.

There are up to 12 cases of some rules to red of serious injury.

rugby every year, according to Greg McLatchie, director of the National Sports Medicine Unit. At least 13 British rugby players have died since 1970, although some deaths have been heart-related. The rugby authorities have changed some rules to reduce the risk

Mr Tucker, who was born a South Africa, had been tipped to win a place in Oxford's team for the Varsity Match against Cambridge on December 10, having impressed officials after arriving from Sydney University. He had appeared for New South Wales up to under-21 level and he represented Aus-tralia under-19s against New Zealand in 1992. There will be a minute's

silence for the player before the Australia v Scotland A match on Saturday. "We are very saddened by the news," said Peter Falk, manager of the Australian team. "Some of the players in the squad knew him and played with

Oxford University will be playing their traditional fix-ture against Major Stanley's XV tomorrow as planned. "It XV tomorrow as planned. "It is the wish of lan's family that the fixture will take place as planned," a university

New health scare as Yeltsin cancels meetings

David Hearst in Moscow

OCTORS treating President Boris Yeltsin yesterday abruptly cancelled his scheduled meetings this reek, up to a month before he is due to undergo surgery for

a heart bypass. The Kremlin said this would enable him to have a "special regime" of pre-operative tests. But it did not say what the tests were, or set a date for the operation.

Sergei Yastrzhembsky, the president's spokesman, said the doctors had ordered complete rest while Mr Yeltsin undergoes the tests and that his meetings with Viktor minister, would be cancelled. 'The preparations have was quoted by an Italian of an operation.

entered their final stage. Everything is proce normal," he said. But it is known that these

meetings were still on schedule up to four days ago. Successive visitors to Mr Yeltsin's bedside in his sanaare none right now - the optorium, outside Moscow, have commented on his mental agility. These statements helped to persuade a sceptical and feuding political elite that he was still controlling the

levers of power. The fact that the meetings have been cancelled could mean either that the tests are more serious than have been admitted, or he is about to have his operation, much sooner than expected.

Michael DeBakey, the emifunction of the heart had

the operation would go ahead in the last two weeks of "If there are no complica-tions — and I repeat, there

eration will take place at the end of November," he told the Rome-based Corrière della Sera yesterday. He said doctors had cured anaemia caused by Intestinal

haemorrhages. He added that the left ventricle of the heart was the main risk to the However, a month ago, Renat Akchurin, the Russian surgeon heading the operat-ing team, said the contractive

improved, reducing the risk

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Love-child abandoned to unknown fate



A letter from Einstein to his first wife Mileva (pictured), one of the 55 which are expected to fetch £2 million at auction next month

_etters reveal fickle, sentimental Einstein

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LBERT EINSTEIN'S sentimental but transient feelings for his first wife and their premarital love-child are disclosed in letters to be auctioned in New York next month.

The correspondence, expected to fetch £2 million, shows the great physicist's copious affection for his first child, Lieserl. Yet he and his wife, Mileva, were to abandon her within remains unknown. He never referred to her again. He uses a similar tone with Mileva — and used it again when he became close to his second wife, his cousin Elsa, 10 years later. Lieserl's existence was

nnknown until scholars found the 55 letters from Mileva in a family archive of 500 papers in a Los Angeles bank vault in 1986. They are being sold by descendants of the couple.

vas Serbian, as a fellow time, wrote: "Now you see! But when



Mileva with Eduard, left, and Hans Albert, whom she bore to Einstein (right) after their first child was apparently given up

Polytechnic. She helped him substantially with his studies on relativity. They lived together, although Einstein's mother warned of disaster if she became

pregnant. Lieserl was born in 1902, when he was 23. Rinstein. with her at the

properly?
"What are her eyes like?

Which one of us does she more resemble? Who is giving her milk? Is she hungry?

"I love her so much and

physics student at Zurich that it really is a Lieserl, returned to Switzerland with their second child. Polytechnic. She helped just as you wished. Is she months after the birth, she "I'm not in the least bit him substantially with his bealthy, and does she cry came alone. Felix Oyens, a langry that poor Dollie London specialist for auc-tioneers Christies, said: "They gave her up, presumably for adoption, although no one is sure."

Einstein's last reference to it that you get a new to their daughter came in a | Lieserl. etter written when Milev Mileva | was in Serbia, pregnant | what has befallen Lieserl | Mileva and married Elsa.

[Mileva] is hatching a new chick," he wrote. "In fact

The Daily Mail's deputy managing editor, Garth Bur-den, said: 'He was a wonder-

returned from a trip to New York, from where be had filed a report on Broadway. On the

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It's so easy to suffer lasting effects from scarlet fever. As what is the child registered? We must take precautions that problems don't arise for her later." Since her birth was dis-

covered, Einstein scholars have worked in vain to discover her fate.

Einstein during this time called Mileva "my dear kit-ten", "my dearest little child" and most frequently "my dear sweetheart". He wrote: "When I am not with you I feel as if I'm not

"I'll be so happy and proud when we live together and can bring our work on relative motion to successful conclusion."

But by 1912 he was telling Elsa he loved her. "I have to have someone to love, otherwise life is miserable. And this someone is

I'm happy about it and had already given some thought to whether I shouldn't see im. He later divorce

> yesterday: "Critic dies. a nation mourns may sound funny, but Jack embodied some sort of spirit in the theatre. He was an bysteri-cally funny man. He was always immaculately turned out. He used to be dressed by

Mothercare and Miss Sel fridge, and then one day he turned up in Jean-Paul Mr Tinker, who wrote sev-eral books as well as his jour-

nalistic duties, is survived by two daughters and his former

Home town universities considered

HOUSANDS more students would start their university courses at local furproposals being studied by a government appointed in-quiry into higher education.

They might spend up to two years on home town campuses, often reading for new
"associate degrees", before
completing their studies elsewhere or seeking work with
job-orientated qualifications.
Ministers want to reverse

the trend for degree-level courses becoming the norm in the higher education sys-tem, while Labour believes the ideas could mean renewed expansion without huge extra costs subsidising students living away from home. A team working for the in-

quiry, headed by Sir Ron Dearing, the Government's education Mr Fixit, is in the United States studying standards of its two-year associate degrees and four-year honours degrees, their value on the job market, and the transfer of students between different types of institution.

The number of students in higher education has doubled in Britain over the last 10 years to more than 1.6 mil-lion. Postgraduate student trebled to 350,000, and those on undergraduate degree doubled to more than one million. However, those on sub-degree courses, 274,000, have hardly changed, accounting for only one in six students.

The Government has temporarily balted expansion, with about one in three 18 to 22year-olds having some higher education. But it aims for 40

per cent participation rates,

number of mature students.

called for a dramatic increase in sub-degree work. The US has well-established community colleges and tech-nical colleges, liberal arts col-leges and universities offering four-year courses, and profes-sional colleges and research

and graduate schools.

Any attempt to borrow
American methods of mass ligher education would involve changing the status of further education colleges in Britain. Only 5 per cent of their students study for higher level qualifications, few to degree level, and while some links are developing between the colleges and universities, they are nothing like as established.

Bryan Davies, the shadow spokesman for higher education, said: "Dearing would not be fulfilling its obligations if it were not casting its net widely for interesting devel-opments and ideas for expanding education opportu-nity and making it. in certain areas, more cost-effective."

Labour has already suggested a year of study at a home university followed by completion of courses elseand reduce pressure on uni-versity accommodation.

The Association of Colleges expressed its support for the Dearing study while David Melville, chief executive of ing Council for England, said the expansion into more advanced courses should build on the colleges' traditions of helping older, part-time, more job-orientated students.

Willetts hearing to be televised

David Hencke

Westminster Correspondent

HE Government agreed to go ahead with the televising of high-flying junior minister David Wil-letts in the cash for questions affair, despite protests from Tory MPs last night.

The Commons Standards to Berlin, Mileva hated the and Privileges Committee decity and was rejected by cided to have a televised hear-Einstein's mother. In 1917 ing on November 11 after ask-Elsa moved in to care for ing the Government to hand memoranda irom

Whips Office next week. Mr Willetts will face ques tions over a memo he wrote about trying to influence an investigation into whether Neil Hamilton, the disgraced former trade minister, had taken cash from Mohammed Al-Fayed, the owner of Har-rods. Mr Willetts, then a junior whip, suggested the committee could use its Tory majority to smother the affair or stop the inquiry because of the then impending libel case against the Guardian.

The committee will today publish a report showing how it intends to handle the in-quiry and what assistance Sir Gordon Downey, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, will receive to in-

vestigate the MPs involved. Two MPs, Sir David Mitchell and Sir Archie Hamilton, had to leave the proceedings | tions were in public and I while MPs discussed their im- | never met Mr Al Fayed."

partiality. Sir David is understood to have made it clear he had no brief for Nell Hamilton, his parliamentary pri-

vate secretary.

Labour MP Dale Campbell Savours was asked to com-ment on claims he was pro Mr Al Fayed following a complaint to the Speaker yester-day by Tory MP David Shaw, whose Dover constituency association took £500 from lobbyists Ian Greer Associates.

Mr Shaw, a close friend of David Allen, the head of counated the cash to Ian Greer, raised questions about the tabling of 58 motions by Mr Campbell Savours which, he said, benefitted the Harrods boss in his battle with Tiny Rowland. "I wonder if it would be of concern to you and your office if a member of the Standards and Privileges strong position in the battle between Tiny Rowland and Al Fayed and had put down 58 Early Day Motions on one side, Mr Al Fayed's? In those circumstances, would it not be in the interests of the Com-

mons if that member did stand down from the committee?" Mr Campbell Savours said: "The complaint was a blatant attempt to nobble the jury, inspired by Ian Greer, to ensure an unfair hearing. [It] is preposterous given these mo-

Jack Tinker, perfectly cast critic and friend of British theatre, dies aged 58



Jack Tinker . . . 'evangelist

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Dan Glaister Arts Correspondent

EACK Tinker, the Daily Mail critic and one of the best-known figures in British theatre, died yesterday at the age of 58. It is understood he had a heart attack in hospital after being taken ill with asthma at his Brighton home on Sunday night.

Mr Tinker was the Daily Mail's theatre critic for 25 years, writing daily reviews

He was born in Oldham, attending Hulme Grammar School for Boys before enter-

on the Surrey Advertiser. friend whilst being a totally he dressed in the character of From there he joined the impartial critic. He passion the show. He would dress up Brighton Evening Argus as a film and theatre critic before moving to the Daily Sketch as a feature writer in 1970. The Mail and the Sketch merged and the following year he became theatre critic on the

Theatre impressario Cameron Mackintosh, who knew Mr Tinker wall, said last night: "He was probably one of my longest, closest friends in theatre. He was a friend, confident and crific—a curi-

confidant and critic — a curious mix.'

ately cared for the theatre."
Richard Eyre, director of
the Royal National Theatre, who knew Mr Tinker for 25 years, also paid tribute. "He was perfectly cast. He really understood his audience and what he was writing about. He was an evangelist, a propa-

Daily Mail. gandist and an enthusiast but he wasn't a pushover. It would be quite unfair to charwith the theatre."

Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber miration for Mr Tinker's abil-his one-man show. An Eve-said: "Jack was one of the few ity to dress appropriately for ning With Jack Tinker, on the ing journalism as a reporter | people who remained a true | the theatre. "I loved the way

acterise him as someone who was indiscriminately in love Mr Eyre also expressed ad-miration for Mr Tinker's abil-his one-man show, An Eve-

the show. He would dress up if it was a musical, and dress down if it was something

ful journalist and will be sadly missed here. He was a very approachable person and did a wonderful job for the newspaper." Mr Tinker had just



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News in brief

Raped girl seized in high street

A 15-YEAR-OLD girl was receiving counselling as police hunted three men who abducted her as she walked on a high street in the Kings Heath area of Birmingham and raped her repeatedly during a 12-hour ordeal.

The girl, from West Heath, was approached by three males in their mid to late 20s who began making "derogatory remarks" before she was bundled screaming into a four-door car by the men who drove off from the busy shopping street. She was taken to an unknown building and raped by all three men before being thrown out of the vehicle in the Northfield area 12 hours later at 3.30am. A West Midlands Police spokesman described the incident as a "horrendous attack on a lone young

£7,000 for neck pain

A WOMAN whose neck problem was aggravated by her work checking lingerie was yesterday awarded £7.000 High Court damages. Olivine Jacobs, aged 56, of Eaton Socon, Cambridgeshire, had claimed that her job as a garment examiner for Cortaulds Textiles (Holdings) Ltd at their factory at St Neots. Cambridgeshire, led to persistent neck pain which forced her to give up work in January 1900.

Mr Justice Rougier said that her existing condition of cervical spondylosis was mainly to blame but her employers were at fault in not doing all they could to help when her neck problems became plain. The damages included £2,000 for pain and suffering with the balance made up of lost wages.

Mother and children die

POLICE are treating as suicide the death of 28-year-old Diane Larmour whose body was found with those of her son Matthew five, and four-year-old daughter Rebecca in a car in a garage at a house in Borrowash, near Derby, yesterday Detective Superin-tendent Phil Harding, of Derbyshire police, said: "At this stage there is nothing to suggest that anyone else was involved."

£12m cannabis capture

POLICE and customs officers say they have halted a £12 million operation to smuggle cannabis from North Africa after they boarded a 40ft British registered yacht Fata Morgana in treacher ous conditions off the coast of Cornwall. Four men were arrested on the yacht and four waiting on the shore. There were further related arrests in Bristol, Cheltenham, Hull and London.

Car family saved

A QUALIFIED lifesaver Susan Walters, 35, helped keep a family affoat for 20 minutes after they escaped from their car which had plunged off a dock into 60 feet of water during a force six gale at Exmouth, Devon. The driver, a businessman Paul Nightgale, his wife Ann and their 11-year-old daughter. Ann, were treated in

Circus's London drive

CIRQUE DU SOLEIL, a Canadian circus which uses no performing animals, is planning a recruitment drive in London for 125 people to perform in four different shows across three continents. The circus, combines athleticism with showmanship.

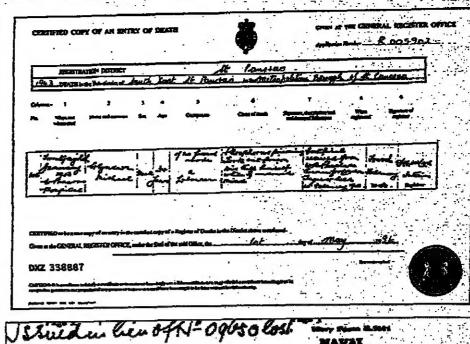
Boost for bitterns

THE European Commission is expected to inject more than £1. million into a project to secure the future of the bittern, one of Britain's rarest birds, by repairing and restoring marshland and reed beds in East Anglian areas like Minsmere, Suffolk, where the birds have their stronghold

The number of male birds is unknown, but at least 22 different males, who utter a characteristic booming sound, have been identified by computer print-outs of the pitch of the calls.

John Ezard on the Man Who Never Was





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Michael's grave in Spain (left) and identity card (bottom right) carry the name Major William Martin. Now Michael's identity has been revealed and a death certificate (top right) issued

Mystery warrior identified

Last chapter is written in one of | found the name in a governwartime's strangest deceptions

ing mysteries of second world - the identity of The Man Who Never Was - has been solved by the persistence of an amateur researcher.

The man was Glyndwr Michael, aged 34, a homeless, mentally ill Welshman Who killed himself with rat poison 53 years ago. His body was used in a British Intelligence operation which misled Nazi Germany and saved thousands of British lives in the allied conquest of Italy. Only three men - one of

NE of the linger- | knew who he was, although the exploit featured in a bestselling book and a film, both called The Man Who Never Was, in the 1950s.

Now his name and his grave, under a false military dentity in Spain, have been traced. They were discovered by Roger Morgan, a London council official and amateur historian who became fascinated by the mystery more than 90 years ago.

Mr Morgan said yesterday that he had spent "thousands of hours" in the Public Records Office, going every month for a decade to scan them Winston Churchill — newly released papers. He centrepiece of Operation a weekend. It sold two million

ment document on deception operations. "It was an incred-ible moment," he said. Glyndwr Michael was born illegitimate in Aberbargoed, Mid-Glamorgan. Unemployed he moved to London and lived as a tramp. He was rejected war service as mentally III. On January 28 he ate phos-

phorous poison in a ware-house and died. The verdict was suicide. His body attracted attention because the coroner knew through a friend, the forensic pathologist Sir Bernard Spils-bury, that naval intelligence was seeking a corpse. It had to be of a man in his mid-30s whose cause of death could be confused with drowning. Michael's remains became the

vince Germany that the allies would invade Nazi Europe through Greece or Sardinia rather than Sicily.
Packed in dry ice, Michael
was taken from Hackney mor-

tuary, put aboard a submarine, then cast into the sea near Gibraltar. Chained to his wrist was a briefcase with forged official papers hinting at bogus landings. In his wallet were marks of a successful life he never had, including a a snapshot of a fiancée in a

a shapshot of 2 harries in a swimsuit. These named him as Major William Martin.

The body was found by a Spanish fisherman. The documents reached German authorities in Madrid. Within days Patinin know that the days Britain knew that the German high command thought the papers genuine.
MI5 cabled Churchill: brother's true name is mincemeat swallowed rod, scribed on his headstone.

line and sinker".

Germany redeployed troops from eastern Sicily to Sardinia. The invasion of Sicily. eight months after Michael's death, was bitterly contested,

The operation stayed offi-cially secret. But in 1950 Duff Cooper, a former ministerial friend of Churchill, published a novel, Operation Heartbreak, giving unmistakable details of Mincemeat.

Threatened with prosecution, Cooper hit back by threatening to name Churchill as a source. The security services decided to limit damage by publishing their ver-sion. Barrister and later judge Ewen Montagu, a key Mincemeat, wrote the book in

The war's other big deception operations — Enigma, the use of a double for Field Marshal Montgomery, the pretence of D-Day landings in the Pas de Calais — were dis-

"One is left wondering what all the secrecy was for," Roger Morgan said. Ewen Montagu wrote that Michael's parents had sworn him to silence about his name.

This secrecy has, however, deprived his family of the public respect which his posthumous role might have in-spired. Mr Morgan has been able to find the name of only one family member, Mi-chael's sister Doris, born at Tafs Well in 1911. He is eager to trace her or her descen-dants and to see that her brother's true name is in-



The document which revealed the identity of Glyndwr Michael - man who never was PHOTGRAPHS: AFTER THE BATTLE

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16 British airports 'have no | Motorists go down memory lane hi-tech baggage security'

Richard Norton-Taylor

THE Department of Trans-port acknowledged yester-day that nearly half of Britain's airports lack up-to-date baggage screening equipment but said security procedures were well in advance of those in other countries, including the United States. A report by David Lord, the

department's head of transport security and a former MI5 officer, has found that 16 of the country's 33 airports do not screen all hold baggage.

The department says that for security reasons it will for security reasons it will not name the airports which have yet to install adequate

numbers of machines. These include the CTX 5000, costing about 2650,000, which X-rays luggage and can detect Sem-tex and RDX explosives. A spokesman for the British Airports Authority said

that all transfer baggage the source of the bomb which | while airports are responsible blew up the PanAm jumbo over Lockerbie in 1988 — was cabin baggage.

Hold baggage going to "high risk" destinations, mainly the Middle East, is screened, as is baggage destined for countries which security services advise are terrorist

targets.
The BAA runs Heathrow, Gatwick, Stansted, Southampton, Edinburgh, Glasgow and Aberdeen airports.

A Department of Transport

nan said it was up to individual airports to decide what screening equipment to buy. He said 17 airports had already installed equipment to screen all baggage.
"British international air-

ports have more baggagescreening machines than the rest of the world put together," he said. In the US, only San Fran-cisco and Atlanta airports op-

erate modern baggage screen

ing equipment. Airliners are responsible for screening hold baggage

as M25 celebrates 10 years

Keith Harper Transport Editor

will not be able to celebrate its 10th anniversary today because he is selling his A registered Ford Fiesta for a

cannot get enough of the motorway most drivers love to hate. Even the Govern-ment will today draw back of a 70-mile stretch of road which is responsible for

way congestion. usual. We really don't want to make a fuss," explained

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the Righways Agency.
Mr Reed, who has already
taken his mother on sev-

quite like it. It's the ultimate driving experience.

AMAN whose hobby is driving round the M25 newer, faster model.

Mark Reed, a 21-year-old Safeway counter assistant from Weymouth, Dorset. from extolling the virtues half the country's motor-

'It'll be business as

eral 120-mile shopping ex-peditions round Britain's most heavily used motor-way said: "There's no road

You have to keep your wits about you at all times."

Another person prepared to glow about the M25 is. Kevin Delaney, the RAC's traffic and road safety manager "If it a national sees."

ager. "It is a national asset, moving huge volumes of traffic with a degree of effi-ciency that belies the under investment in carriageway improvements.

Bizarre incidents have become everyday occur-rences during its difficult

☐ Grandfather William Allen, aged 84, spent two days circling it looking for his daughter's home. ☐ Retired dustman George

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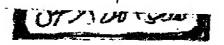
Tilbury slept in hedges after becoming lost on his motorbike on a journey which should have taken 80 minutes.

A police car rescued an elderly woman cycling the wrong way down the out-side lane at Godstone,



If you talk to politicians, broadcasters, government departments and the regulatory bodies that are charged with overseeing the introduction of digital broadcasting in a little over a year's time, you find a mixture of trust, ignorance and defeatism that you know can only result in commercial triumph for Murdoch.

Henry Porter, G2 cover story



Man who died of brain disease 'exposed to BSE-infected meat'

David Sharrock

VICTIM of a new variant of the brain disease CJD probably died through expo-sure to BSE-infected meat a Belfast inquest concluded

yesterday. The coroner, John Leckeysaid that while he could not said that while the count not go any further than attribu-ting the cause of death of Maurice Callaghan, a 30-year-old mechanical engineer, to CJD, he agreed with experts' views that the disease was linked to exposure to BSE.

"It may be that there really are no other viable candi-dates and BSE is the front runner. But I believe it would be wrong for me to state that as a fact." Mr Leckey said. Clare Callaghan, of west Belfast, described how her husband, a keen sportsman, deteriorated before he died last November. In the last stages of his illness he was unable to speak and required 24-hour attention. Mr Calla-



Maurice Callaghan pictured with his daughter Naimh and medical expert James Ironside

or three times a week, she said. The first signs of the ill-ness came in February last year when he became agitated and was not sleeping well. The family's GP prescribed beta-blockers but his condition deteriorated.

He started complaining of

forgetful. Mrs Callaghan said she once found her husband dressed and ready for work in the middle of the night. In July he had to give up work.
Doctors first told the family they suspected CJD in September when Mr Callaghan became bedridden and

James Ironside, one of the authors of research published last week which links CJD with BSE, said that in all probability Mr Callaghan's death was linked to exposure to BSE, although there was no direct evidence to confirm it. "We researchers are fairly

light of new evidence, it is most likely that it is linked to exposure to BSE before the offal ban was introduced in 1989," he said.

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Professor Ironside, of the National CJD Surveillance Unit in Edinburgh, said be found evidence of a spongelike change in Mr Callaghan's brain, which was consistent with spongiform encephalopathy. "We can't go any fur-ther than saying he died of new variant CJD."

After the inquest Mrs Callaghan said: "We are very satis-fied. In coded words, he [the coroner] has said it was likely that Maurice died due to ex-posure to BSE. As a family we need to discuss where we will take this from here." She hoped firmer evidence

would soon be available to confirm the link and joined the coroner in calling for a test for CJD to be developed as a matter of urgency.

Inquests in Northern Ire-

The coroner gives a summary of the circumstances and confident that BSE is at the most likely cause of death.



Claire Callaghan (centre) echoed the coroner in calling for a CJD test





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Cattle cull may be extended

Stephen Bates in Luxembourg

■HE Government may bow to European insis-tence on a selective cull of up to 140,000 additional cattle at risk of contracting BSE to have any chance of lifting the worldwide beef export

Up to now the Government has refused to implement the additional cull of younger cattle, but last night Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minis-ter, admitted in advance of the EU agriculture ministers' meeting in Luxembourg: "We have not ruled out a cull but we have to completed the backlog under the 30 months'

Britain has already culled more than 700,000 cattle over the age of 30 months at the end of their productive lives and is slaughtering them at the rate of 50,000 each week.

The Government sent no less than four ministers to support Mr Hogg, who has been heavily criticised for his handling of the beef crisis. With him in Luxembourg for what promises to be a mara-thon meeting stretching over several days, are Michael For-Lord Lindsey, junior Scottish Office minister, Baroness Denton of the Northern Ireland Office, and Jonathan Evans, a junior minister from the Welsh Office.

Other agriculture ministers insisted that the additional, British policy of non-co-operation with the EU — must go ahead before there could be any lifting of the ban. Ivan Yates, the Irish agri-

culture minister, chairing the meeting, said: "The situation is that the Florence agreement has to be met. The accel-erated cull has to go ahead."

Other member states insist that once the cull was under way they would consider a regional lifting of the ban so that the export of cattle from and Northern Ireland could be resumed.

Mr Forsyth said that the Government remained com-mitted to lifting the ban for BSE free herds, regardless of their geographical origin. "What matters is the quality of the beef, not a line on the map," he said.

The British BSE crisis is

only at the margins of the meeting, which will be concerned with reapportioning EU funding to farmers to com-pensate beef farmers for their loss of income since consump tion of beef dropped in March. Cereals farmers are already angry about proposed cuts in their subsidies to them and French and German farmers are insisting that savings

must be found elsewhere rather than penalising them. The European Commission wants to tackle the 15 per cent drop in consumption by reducing the amount of beef subsidies for the slaughter of selective cull — agreed by Mr | new-born calves.

AFRICA CENTRAL

What has been described as a 'tragic human river 25 kilometers long' is desperately fleeing the fighting in Zaire. Such is their panic that thousands of refugees are even returning to Rwanda, the country they fled only two years ago. innocent men, women and children who thought they

had escaped the bloodshed now face misery again. With fear and desperation comes disease and starvation. Food supplies will last just five more days. The Red Cross urgently needs your help to provide vital food, clean water and medical aid. Phone now to give your donation or complete the coupon

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West Bank war games belie peace talk

Israel's prime minister is being harried by his increasingly disenchanted and fractious supporters to renege on the Palestinian peace agreement signed by his predecessor Yitzhak Rabin, writes Shyam Bhatia in Jerusalem

ture the Palestinian city of Nablus. Gen Dayan, a nephew Moshe Dayan, is military com-mander of the West Bank.

Tanks and helicopters used live ammunition as parapropers stormed a cardboard replica of the Nablus casbah and hung the Star of David from its ramparts. Israeli sol-diers disguised as Palestinian policemen fought back unsuccessfully as the army, spear-headed by elite commando units, tightened its grip on

tics deployed by his illustri-ous uncle in the 1967 Middle East war, needed only a few hours to complete a mission that took Moshe Dayan six days to accomplish. The war lever that grips Israel's military top brass today has a chilling similarity to the mood that prevailed on the

In private some army gen-erals, including Gen Dayan, humiliation following last month's bloody confronta-

AJOR-GENERAL Uzi Dayan watched as Israeli troop par-

Derek Brown in Jerusalem

HE Israel-PLO peace talks went into sus-pended animation yesterday, as the Palestinian president, Yasser Arafat, left for talks in Norway and Ireland, and the United States mediator Dennis Ross rei returned

the clashes with Yasser Arafat's police force. Last week's secret military and other Palestinian cities were authorised by the Israeli prime minister, Binyamin Netanyahu, who is under pressure from his rightwing supporters to teach the Pales tinians a lesson by reneging

on the Oslo peace accords. It is an open secret that Mr uency's distaste for Oslo, which he believes will lead to the partition of the "land of israel" and the creation of an independent Palestinian state. He sees himself as a prisoner of unacceptable

withdrawal of Israeli occupation forces from the West Bank city of Hebron, each side is still complaining about the other's tactics. Officials were meeting last night in an effort to break the impasse. Mr Ross said that the Palestinian leader's absence would hamper the process and Is-

terday appointed a special envoy to the Middle East peace talks — despite Is-raeli opposition and strong minister's office, "Anything that's good for the Palestin-ians is bad for Israel and any-

not clear to us how we can escape from this trap." supporters say war is the only solution. Some pray that the tilities and provide the Israeli army with an excuse to retali-ate and drive the final nail into the Oslo coffin. They are critical of the prime minister for not seizing the strategic

opportunity that was pre-

thing that's good for Israel is

suspend the policy of pull-backs," said Yisrael Harel, one of the leaders of 150,000 Jewish settlers in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. "But instead he rushed off to meet Arafat in Washington, There, nauseatingly, he grovelled and called Arafat his friend and 'partner'.

said in Oslo that he had

come for "another push from outside" to help avoid

The European Union yes-

negotiating deadlock.

Disappointment with Mr Netanyahu is shared across the spectrum of Israel's right wing. Like Rabin, he is being branded a traitor for agreeing to give the Palestinians control over more parts of the West Bank. If and when Mr West Bank city of Hebron to

been told to report to the EU — the largest source of international aid for the region - any breach of the | in the region.

up anger.
The prime minister has already committed himself to the principle of Israel's military withdrawal from the city, where 400 Jewish ideo-logues live among more than 100,000 Arabs. As the countdown for the withdrawal gets under way, Israelis are once again talking about the "writing on the wall". Jewish fa-natics have threatened violence to prevent Mr Arafat's 'uniformed thugs' from en-

Today thousands of Netanvahu supporters will meet in central Jerusalem to hold a rally against his intention to compromise on Hebron. One

raeli officials blamed Mr States. EU foreign minis-Arafat for stalling the ters said in Luxembourg talks. But the PLO chief that the present Spanish There are ominous signals that extremists on guel Augel Moratinos. sabotage the peace process with reports in recent days pean Union in the negotiathat Palestinians and Jewish settlers in Hebron are stockpiling illegal weapons and outbreaks of violence between settlers and Arabs Mr Moratinos has also

> "Hebron is a test. If they pull out, we will all protest and are very worried is a mild ex-pression. We understand that what the government has already agreed is not very dif-ferent from before."

Last weekend, Ms Mattar and her supporters published full-page advertisements in Israeli newspapers addressed to the prime minister. "Oslo gave guns to Arab police who ed them to kill our soldlers. Their blood cries out not to repeat that grave error in He bron. In September 1995 you said the Israeli army must the security of Hebron; this

army needs 3.5 billion shek-els (£1.6 billion) because of an told a parliamentary commit tee Israeli forces planned a big Syrian military exercise and were "taking the necessary steps for maximum

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At least three of Mr Netanyahu's cabinet colleagues have warned they will resign if he implements the Oslo agreement. They say the issue of Hebron is only the first prisoners and creating saf corridors between Gaza and the West Bank - are just as

"The right is very divided, said Elyakim Haetzni, a law er and West Bank settler. "If Netanyahu steps into Rabin's political party will be formed because Likud will no longer

fore the only thing of value is that our army should be able to enter Hebron at any time not to be, Hebron will be like Nablus, a second Sarajevo of



Rescue teams find survivors after collapse of Cairo flats

RESCUE workers looked for survivors yesterday in the rubble of a 12-storey block of flats that collapsed

Using cranes they rescued 15 people, but dozens

trapped inside. A total of 15 bodies have been removed and police say more than 60 people remain unac-counted for. Six survivors were rescued on Sunday. Police detained a build-

questioning, saying they may have been responsible for weakening the build-ing's structure by ordering the removal of walls during the renovation of a flat. The building's owner was also

the 40 flats jumped from their balconies as the build-ing crumbled, a neighbour, Ahmed Mohammed, said. All but the back side of

were brought in to help trace calls or tapping for the building fell, piling de-bris five storeys high. PHOTO

mous slabs of concrete yes-terday, dogs prowled the ruins and listening devices

News in brief

Corsican separatist claims Paris talks

FRANCOIS Santoni, the head of the Corsican separatist Cun colta Naziunalista party, said yesterday that his group had held secret talks with members of the French government, including Maurice Gourdault-Montagne, a senior aide of the prime minister, Alain Juppé. But Mr Juppé's office dismissed the claims as "grotesque lies by a terrorist"

Mr Santoni's party is the legal wing of the outlawed Corsican National Liberation Front (FLNC), the most hardline group on the Island. He also alleged in an interview with the Est-Republi-cain newspaper that a rally in January of 600 heavily armed FLNC guerrillas was organised at the behest of the govern-ment, which wanted to show the French public that the group was popular in Corsica and should be negotiated with.

nwhile, separatists continued a bombing campaign with an attack against the home of the mayor of the northern town of Bastia early yesterday. Emile Zuccarelli was out at the time and no one was hurt. — Reuter, Puris.

Rwanda denies helping rebels

The Rwandan president, Pasteur Bizimungu, yesterday denied that his country was providing military help to the Tursi Banyamulenge rebels in eastern Zaire, and that Rwanda's Tutsi-dominated army had been involved in shelling refugee

camps housing Rwandan Hutus in eastern Zaire. But he said he morally supported the Banyamulenge's struggle against "extermination" by Zairean authorities. Ob-servers strongly suspect the Rwandan military of assisting the

Zairean Tutsi militias.

"We are not supporting the Banyamulenge military. We are not interested in the conquest of land, but people's rights must be respected. The Banyamulenge are entitled to live in Zaire." Mr Bizimungu said. "Morally I support their struggle between extermination and survival, I support their resistance against the Zairean authories."

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Mr Bizimungu, a Hutu, accused Zaire of being the troublemaker in the Great Lakes region. "Zaire has allowed traffic of
arms in the refugee camps. It has armed and trained the
refugees." he said. — Reuter, Kigali.

Cult cover-up costs job

A SENIOR Tokyo police official was abruptly replaced yesterday because his department had concealed a confession by one of its own officers to the shooting of the chief of the national police

gency last year.

The Tokyo metropolitan police department first heard the confession of the 31-year-old officer in May but did not tell anyone confession of the 31-year-old officer in May but did not tell anyone confession of the 31-year-old omoer in may but old not rell allyone outside the department until last week, local news accounts said. Takaji Kunimatsu was shot and seriously wounded on March 30 last year, 10 days after the nerve gas attack on Tokyo's subway by members of the Aum Shinrikyo religious cult. The officer who has confessed to the shooting was apparently a male subcourse and Januares madia resourted that he told inspettion.

the orner who has comessed to the stateding was appeared; cult follower, and Japanese media reported that he told investigators he short Mr Kunimatsu on orders from senior cult leaders.

The Tokyo police department's chief of public security, Masaru Sakurai, was not fired outright but was not given a replacen position. He had been in charge of the investigation into Mr Kunimatsu's shooting. — AP, Tokyo.

One-horse race to rule Hong Kong Protests grow

Andrew Higgins In Hong Kong

HE selection of Hong Kong's first post-colonial governor - an exercise mocked by democrats as a charade choreographed by China — entered its final phase yesterday with more than 30 people declaring their ambition to replace Chris Pat-

But, as applications closed,

Chée-hwa. A Beijing-ap-pointed committee overseeing the process declined yester day to name his rivals.

The chief challenger seems to be Sir Ti-liang Yang, a feito be Sir Ti-liang Yang, a fel-low Shanghaler who resigned last month as Hong Kong's chief justice. He won favour with China by supporting a plan to neuter the territory's bill of rights after 1997. Sir Ti-liang yesterday en-dersed China's intention to

dorsed China's intention to the appearance of an open dismantle an elected legisla-contest masked the reality of ture and form an unelected what many believe to be a "provisional" body, calling it one-horse race by a Shanghai "legal and necessary".

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chief executive to be in a posi-tion to say no to Beijing. They would never select such a per-son," said Martin Lee, leader of the colony's most popular political group, the Demo-cratic Party. "Whoever gets the job will be led by the nose

like a horse.' The winner will be announced in December by a 400-member selection committee, a body whose composition has yet to be announced. The Democratic

Party is boycotting it.

The razzmatazz and rhetoric of an open election, which has included press conferences by normally secretive tycoons and pledges by Mr Tung and other fabulously wealthy magnates to visit Hong Kong slums, belies a tightly-controlled decision-

making process. But the exercise has revealed bitter competition between rival Hong Kong business dynasties, which have benefited from ties to the British colonial administration and want to ensure they enjoy the favour of the post-1997 regime.

"You cannot expect the last week by Mr Tung who achief executive to be in a posion to say no to Beijing. They helped bail out his family's shipping empire in the 1980s. Other candidates are Peter Woo, a Shanghai-born millionaire and son-in-law of the late Sir Y. K. Pao, another

shipping magnate and busi-ness rival of Mr Tung's fam-ily, and Simon Li, a former judge and member of another Hong Kong family dynasty. Szeto Wah, branded a "sub-versive" by Beijing, has launched a mock campaign

for the post of chief executive to publicise demands that Mr Patten's successor be elected by popular vote. The 28 Brit-ish governors who have ruled Hong Kong since 1843 were chosen in London without democratic consultation.

"Anyone who is not accept able to Beijng does not have a

chance of even becoming even a candidate," said Joseph Cheng, a political scientist at Hong Kong's City University. "The crucial issue is not the choice of a chief executive but political developments in Religion. developments in Beijing. What happens in Beijing is post-1997 regime.

The link between politics and business was made clear executive."

far more important than the identity of the chief executive."

against Bhutto

Suzanne Goldenberg

religious opposition party Jamaat-i-Islami were picked up in a police sweep yesterday as the Pakistani authorities tried to stop protests against Benazir

Nearly 4,000 followers of the Islamist party prayed in front of parliament in a dramatic show of power, and, for the second day running, riot police fought with them in the capital and the adjoining city of Rawalpindi. Their leader, Hussein Ahmed, was detained for several hours be-

fore being released. The extraordinary prayer meeting lasted about half an hour before police doused the protesters with hundreds of rounds of tear gas.

Mass rallies are banned in Islamabad, and yesterday's events showed the ability of Jamaat, which has just three seats in parliament, to get its stan's repeated failures to supporters, mainly students. | meet agreed targets.

on to the streets. They also paralysed much of Islamabad as police chased de-monstrators down city

The show of strength could also serve to mobilise the main opposition parties against Ms Bhutto, who is coming under increasingly flerce attack for alleged corruption and financial

mismanagement. Hussein Ahmed is not alone out. In yesterday's police sweep, he and his deputy, Khurshid Ahmed, were picked up, along with the par-ty's number three, Ghafoor Ahmed. All three have now been released.

The government, meanwhile, announced that Ms Bhutto had given up the fi-nance portfolio. Her privati-sation minister. Syed Naveed Qamar, is to get the post.

The International Monetary Fund is delaying dis-bursement of a £400 million standby loan because of Paki-

Colombo quiet on shootings

SRI LANKA'S foreign affairs ministry yesterday refused to comment on claims by the Tamil Tigers that Colombo was behind the killing of two of the group's officials in Paris on Saturday.

A statement from the Tigers' international secretariat in London condemned the killing of their treasurer, Kandiah Perinpanathan, and Kandiah Gajendran, editor of the Tamil weekly newspanse Fale Murgasy it exist the brillian was to rest of the Said the Arillian was to rest of the Said the Arillian search and search as a search of the Said the Arillian search as a search of the Said the Arillian search as a search of the Said paper Kela Murasu. It said the killings were part of the Sri Lankan government's attempt to hit the rebels' finances, and appeared to blame Tamils co-operating with Colombo. — Reuter, Colombo.

Bill deliveries delight Danes

DANISH police said yesterday that they had identified a mysterious person who distributed around 75,000 kroner (£2,000) to strangers in the western town of Skanderborg. The person, who put a hand-written note in each envelope

urging people to spend the enclosed money, has demanded anonymity, police said. They ruled out speculation that a religious group or a mentally unstable person was behind the gifts.

Residents found the envelopes in their post on Saturday, Many at first thought they were the victims of a joke but later they called the police when they realised that others had also received a 100 kroner bill. — AP, Copenhagen.

Bad year for the rats

BELJING, which launched a fly-swatting drive in a failed bid to host the 2000 Olympics, has turned its wrath on rodents, declaring November 12 rat-killing day. Thousands of rodent warriors will fan out across the city,

setting traps and laying poison. Warehouses, market places and construction sites will be the key targets. Earlier this year, residents of the north-eastern city of Shen-

yang eliminated 400,000 rats in a similar campaign.
Under the Chinese lunar calendar, 1996 is the year of the rat.

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John Aglionby in Jakarta

HE 1996 Nobel peace laureate, the Roman Catholic bishop of East

Timor, Carlos Belo, declined

an invitation to a meeting yesterday with Chancellor Helmut Kohl of Germany.

Mr Kohl said during a two-day visit to Indonesia that Bishop Belo said he "had too busy an agenda in East

Timor", although the invita-tion was issued some time ago.

Mr Kohl, under pressure to raise human rights issues on

the trip, said he had discussed East Timor "intensively" dur-

ing talks with President Su-

harto yesterday. "In our opinion, it is very important that the issue of East Timor be

settled together with the people of East Timor in a

peaceful, just and acceptable manner," Mr Kohl said. The European Union does

not recognise Indonesian rule over East Timor. Jakarta in-

vaded the former Portuguese colony in 1975 and annexed it

Bishop Belo shares the 1996 peace prize with the East Timorese independence leader

José Ramos Horta, who said

yesterday that he would do-note his share of the £725,000

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LFRED SANT was sworn in yesterday as Malta's first Labour prime minister for nine years after an his-toric vote in which most electors opted to scrap their country's application for membership of the European

The result was the latest in a string of recent setbacks to the cause of European inte-gration. The last few weeks have seen protests in several member states against the sacrifices being demanded for economic and monetary

Malta's outgoing prime minister, Edward Fenech Adami, who submitted his country's application to join the EU six years ago, had ex-pected to begin membership

negotiations next year.

His opponent campaigned successfully on a pledge to abolish Value Added Tax and

He has put Labour back in power by wooing the middle class

reinstate customs duties - a move that would be anathema to Brussels. Mr Sant argued that the island's rapidly expanding but fragile and

membership.
Labour took 50.7 per cent of the poli in Saturday's election; Mr Fenech Adami's Nationalists 47.8 per cent. The Times of Malia called it "the biggest upset for a quarter of a century".

Labour supporters launched into street celebrations on Sunday that continued yesterday. Fireworks rattled windows in Vallefta and roads were clogged with cars dragging pots, pails and strings of beer cans.

Fenech Adami had called elections eight months before time. He had cut unemploy-ment, boosted tourist reveiplays and stories in Maltese.

nomic growth to a rate of more than 6 per cent last

But his right-of-centre administration alienated many less prosperous islanders by imposing 15 per cent VAT in preparation for EU memberpreparation for EU member-ship even before talks began.
The new distribution of seats in the island's 65-seat parliament was not immedi-ately clear. But Labour was assured of a majority.
"We are for all of Malta, not just Labour," Mr Sant said from the balcony of the presi-dential palace where he was

dential palace where he was sworn in by the head of state, Ugo Mifsud Bonnici. But, in a move which will not endear him to the Roman Catholic Church, he broke with tradi-tion by failing to kiss a cross inaugurate

Mr Sant is unlikely to sponsor a return to the aggressive anti-Westernism of his predecessor, Dom Mintoff, A dis-tinctly Blairite, white-collar socialist, he has put Labour back in power partly by woo-ing middle-class voters. He in-sists he is as committed as Mr Fenech Adami to Malta's growing role as a financial services centre.

But there are bound to be misgivings in Washington and European capitals about his foreign policy. On the eve of polling, he said his first priority — even before scrapping VAT — would be to pull Maita out of the Nato-led Partnership for Peace.

Mr Sant said Malta would adhere to the UN sanctions specialised economy could not bear the strains of full Lockerbie aircraft bombing, membership. improved relations with Colo nel Gadafy's regime. want a special relationship with Europe, but I argue that you start with your neigh-bours," he said.

Mr Sant, aged 48, has more than a touch of the Renaissance man about him. A physicist by training, he studied public administration in France before serving as a diplomat in Malta's mission to the European Communities from 1970 to 1975. He holds a doctorate from Harvard Business School, is fluent in English, French and Italian and is the author of novels,

Ministers limit visas and warn Burma of further sanctions

HE European Union is ready to consider full economic and trade sanctions against Burms if the military dictatorship steps up repression of the democratic opposition. This emerged after EU foreign ministers, meeting in Luxembourg yesterday, imposed limits on contacts with Burmese officials in response to Rangoon's continuing fail-

ure to respect human rights.
The action was presented as part of an escalating campaign of pressure. "There is a very serious situation in Burma with a lack of respect for human rights and democracy," the Irish president of imposed an arms embargo.

the EU council of foreign ministers. Dick Spring, said in Luxembourg. "Today's deci-sion reflects our concern." sion reflects our concern.

Last month he met the Burmese foreign minister. Ohn Gyaw, at the United Nations in New York. The EU saw no (Slore) was softening its stance against the National League for Democration Council once the presidential election is over next week, and to head off the threat of count benefits as the US government once the presidential election is over next week, and to head off the threat of count benefits as the US government once the presidential election is over next week, and to head off the threat of count benefits as the US government once the presidential election is over next week, and to head off the threat of count benefits as the US government once the presidential election is over next week. League for Democracy and its leader, Aung San Suu Kyi. The sanctions will deny EU

visas to members of the Slore and their families, and to senior members of the mili-tary and security forces. Visits to Burma by ministers or senior officials from the EU and its members are to be sus-



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Germany's Chancellor Kohl and Indonesia's President Suharto admire their catch during a fishing trip off the coast near Jakarta PHOTOGRAPH: A TOHIR

United Europe | Venezuela halts inquiry into mass fights US curbs grave and leaves evidence to rot

In Luxembourg

UROPEAN UNION foreigo ministers last night overcame Danish objecchallenge to United States leg-islation which would penalise EU companies trading with Cuba, Libya or Iran. Lawyers found a way to

roceed with united legislation from all 15 member states, threatening retaliation if the US goes ahead with the sanctions in American courts under its Helms/Burton act. Under the regulations, any European company will be in-structed to ignore the Helms/ Burton legislation if its inter-ests are threatened and, if it is successfully sued in the American courts, will be entitled to claim any financial penalties back through a

counter-claim in a European The counter-sanctions were being described last night as intended to concentrate off the threat of court battles on both sides of the Atlantic. The Danish government had threatened last week to

pull out of the joint approach because of fears that the regulations would infringe Danish constitutional sovereignty. The lawyers' footwork found a way round that through a sub-clause in an obscure European convention passed unanimously in 1968 which

gives the EU power to act in civil and commercial matters affecting member states.

The British government, which frequently finds itself in a minority on sensitive issues touching on the power balance between national states and the European Union, is leading the fight for a tough EU stand against Washington. "A failure to

pass the measures would send completely the wrong signal to Washington," the foreign office minister David Davis
told journalists. "We believe
use of the Helms/
Burton act to discourage
trade with Cuba is completely unjustifiable, as are the parallel measures to discourage energy investment in Libya and

The EU agreement will not affect a case brought by the European Commission against the United States at the World Trade Organisation (WTO) in Geneva.

A WTO panel is due to convene on November 20 to rule on EU complaints that the Helms/Burton act is extraterritorial. The EU is still studying proposals to bar American executives involved in litigation from en-tering the 15-nation bloc and has already begun compiling a "watchlist" of potential

The US has already barred executives and directors of companies based in Canada. Mexico and Italy - including the former deputy governor of the Bank of England, Rupert Pennant-Rea — from entering

The government is ducking allegations surrounding a mass grave, Jane Knight

in Caracas reports

AFETID odour hangs in the air near five strange-looking cement buildings. A heap of broken coffins balances precariously on a nearby hillside — a fitting back-drop for the buildings, which house dozens of unidentified corpses.

The bodies have been left

to rot since they were sealed into individual chambers six years ago. Only scratch marks on the cement differentiate the contents

netery in the Venezuelan capital, Caracas, form part of a case before the Inter-American Commission on

Local human rights groups say the 68 bodies ex-humed were dumped clan-destinely to hide the extent of the carnage after security forces killed hundreds of people in bloody street riots that broke out on February 27, 1989, in response to pet-

rol price rises.
"We have been waiting for seven years. The state's answer has been absolute silence," said Liliana Ortega, executive director of

Cofavic, an organisation representing families of the rlot victims which has taken the case to the Washingtonbased human rights body. Cemetery workers are unwilling to comment on the possibility that police dump their victims in the

consecrated ground. But they readily refer to the mass grave site by its mor-bid nickname — the Plague. Rumours of the Plague were sparked off by reports of vans laden with bodies, and photographs showing a large hole being dug in the cemetery after the riots. Sniffer dogs working with scientists helped excavate the site a year-and-a-half

The bodies were heaped on top of each other. Judge Saul Ron Brasch, who orentiate the contents.

The corpses, which were dug up from a mass grave and bullet wounds. Most on the edge of the main did not have the morgue's identification bracelets and were not registered in the

cemetery's records.
After three corpses were the investigation was mysteriously stalled early in 1991. The rest were sealed off and left to deteriorate, along with the evidence. Judge Brasch was moved

to a new position outside Caracas in April 1991. "The whole process has been stopped," he said. "There seems to be some resistance

still scans the faces of pass- Human Rights Commission.

TRANSPORT () Caracas VENEZUELA COLOMBIA GUYANA

ers-by for her brother, unsure if he is dead or alive. José Miguel Liscano, aged 21, has not been seen town home in south-west Caracas the day after the defence minister, Italo del

probably dead and in the Plague," Aura said. "But grave contained riot victure's still a doubt."

He malists that reports that the grave contained riot victims were a "huge lie". He

No security agent has been convicted of any action during or after the riots. According to the United

States state department's led officials to a site near annual human rights the Plague, where bodies, report, Venezuela's secu-rity forces carried out 126 firearm shells were scat-illegal executions in the 12 tered among bushes. months to September 1995. Last week Venezuela's

government agreed to pay compensation to the family to continuing the investigation."

Aura Liscano, aged 33, before the Inter-American

shot in the legs days after the riots by a soldier who stopped him when he was walking near the presidential palace. After checking his identification, they ordered him to run. But be could not get up from the ground, so police pumped 22 bullets into his body.

"They killed my son as if he were a dog," said Nancy Mayares.

The case is the exception government officials sweep allegations about the Plague under the carpet. The state prosecutor, Ivan Dario Badell, claims that only 27 bodies were un-earthed, and that attempts to identify them failed in most cases. "We presume they were illegal immi-grants," he said.

riots.
"I think my brother is Valle Alliegro, told journalists that reports that the suggested the bodies were earthquake victims. In March, the mayor of

Caracas, Antonio Ledezma,

Some had died only months before, according to cemetery officials. None was registered, pointing to the possibility of further il-legal killings. "Now a new plague has emerged," Mr Ledezma said.

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News in brief

Burundi army admits killings

Burundi's Tutsi-dominated army yesterday admitted kill-ing some 50 ethnic Hutu civilians in the southern province of Bururi and said the soldiers responsible would be punished.

"On October 13 some indisciplined military killed civil-ians whom they accused of feeding the assailants [rebels] but there was no proof that they were feeding the rebels," an army spokesman, Lieuten-ant-Colonel Isaie Nibizi said. - Reuter.

Anthrax victims At least nine people were in-

ing contaminated beef in Troitskoye, Lipetsk, central Russia, and one of them died, Russian health officials said sterday. - AP. Reactor to close

ted with anthrax after eat-

Chernobyl nuclear power plant on November 30, taking plant on November 30, taking authorised the auction of the in line with promises to the West. - Reuter.

Ebola death toll

raising the death toll to 14, health officials said yester-

Carlos complains

The jailed guerrilla "Carlos the Jackal" has demanded that Carlos, The Secret Networks of International Terrorism, a book about him | rage. - Reuter.

published this week, be

banned on the grounds that it violates his right to be pre-sumed innocent, justice sources said in Paris yester day. - Reuter.

Aids drug trial Up to 2,000 Romanian children suffering from Aids are to undergo a three-year clinical drug trial, following an agreement signed yesterday by Romania and a Texas hos-pital. — AP.

Border accord Saudi Arabia and Qatar have

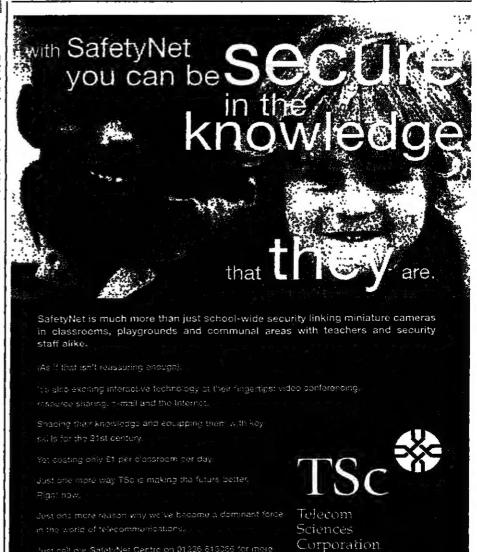
signed a contract with a French company to demar-cate their disputed border, signalling a move to end nearly four years of strained relations. — AP.

Journalists' strike French Journalists' unions have called a strike for November 14 over governmen plans to scrap a 30 per cent income tax reduction that has would shut down one of two reactors still operating at the Chernobyl nuclear

bulk of a £7.7 million jewel-lery collection of the former first lady Imelda Marcos, Three more people have died the Marcos family to stop the of the Ebola virus in Gabon, sale.—Reuter. after rejecting a request by Foes reburied

The remains of about 100 sol-

diers from Croatia's second world war fascist army were reburied in a low-key cere-mony near Amis on the Adri-atic coast alongside anti-Nazi fighters, despite Jewish out-



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America and the world

An election non-issue which won't go away

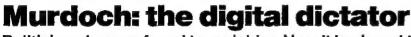
prise — are only peripheral to the US presidential contest as it gears up for the final week. No one is promising, or demanding, speedy action on Zaire or Afghanistan. Bill Clinton can proclaim without challenge his grand vision of the US building a bridge to the 21st century and the rest of the world. He has the advantage of incumbency, congratulating himself on carrying American values around the globe. With the collapse of communism, Bob Dole has lost a familiar target. If the president is "soft on China", then that suits Republican business too. Mr Dole is also constrained by the tradition of bipartisanship. He found no easy opening in Mr Clinton's Detroit speech on the expansion of the Atlantic Alliance: only this summer the Republican-controlled houses of congress passed by huge majorities the Nato enlargement act. When Mr Dole has accused Mr Clinton of weakness on specific issues - as in the case of Kurdistan - he risks ending up by having to endorse, grudgingly, presidential action. It does not really help Mr Dole that a number of foreign policy timebombs are ticking away — as in Bosnia, the Middle East or Russia. They have to blow up today, or within the next week: November 6 will be too late.

The US public is not, contrary to the usual myth, isolationist, but neither is it passionately concerned with world affairs. Though social and economic issues rank ahead of foreign issues on the agenda, most Americans generally continue to favour US involvement abroad. This is viewed as important in terms of American interests rather than in the interests of the world (though most Americans would claim that the two coincide.) The polls show that measures defined under the heading of "global altruism" - promoting human rights abroad, aiding developing nations etc - are only rated as very

FOREIGN AFFAIRS - to no one's sur- | important by about 30 per cent of the public. Twice as many place a high value on the maintenance of US "global interests" such as countering terrorism, and even more in the case of domestic issues linked to foreign policy (eg combating drugs and reducing immigration). One of the reasons why Bosnia has produced such an equivocal response from US public opinion is that it cannot decide whether US intervention is helping others, or itself, or both.

Similarly, the view often expressed outside the US that American interest and influence is waning, for better or for worse, is wide of the mark. Like the cock-up theory of history, the thesis of diminishing US involvement can become an excuse for lack of serious analysis. Mr Clinton in his Nato speech described the US as "the indispensable nation" - a phrase he now uses frequently. It is true that he also subscribes to the view that new technologies will break down "the blocs and barriers that defined the world for previous generations." Yet this is not so different from the century-old US quest for an Open Door world - open particularly to US trade and influence.

Critics of US intervention abroad often talk as if it can simply fade away, while those in favour fear that it will. That is not going to happen: the world's one surviving superpower is not about to efface itself. It retains a preponderant influence in those same "global" institutions which are supposed to supplant it, such as the IMF and the World Trade Organisation. When it decides to let the real global body which it should be supporting most vigorously — the United Nations — wither on the vine, it is hardly challenged. Mr Clinton in Detroit assigned all credit for peace in Bosnia to the US-led NATO, and did not even mention the UN. The question is not whether the US has an international role: it is what sort of role.



Politicians have refused to curb him. Now it is almost too late

Labour party be able to beg or borrow the guts to stand up to Rupert Murdoch? The great promise of the digital revolution - as set out by Al Gore, deputy President of the US - was that its products should be universally available and affordable. Yet by astutely buying up the main world sporting events and films Mr Murdoch is ensuring that key national events often in stadiums funded by public money - are seen by fewer people (until, as he hopes, everyone is forced to take out a BSkyB subscription to see anything worthwhile at all). Now - as Henry Porter explains in G2 today - he is poised not just to own the sporting turnstiles through which we must all pass if we want to participate in the new revolution of digital television.

He is about to place contracts for the first of what is likely to become millions of set-top boxes to decode the 1s and 0s of digital signals into high quality versatile pictures on our screens. In theory the BBC and ITV could push ahead and manufacture their own rival box. But they are so expensive (£200 to £400 depending how much Mr Murdoch decides to subsidise them) that few people will want to buy two boxes and by the time the others have got their act together the Rupert-box will already have established itself as the standard. Mr Murdoch could argue that he has had the foresight and the courage to spend large sums of money while the

WHEN will the Conservatives or the others have been pusillanimous. That's true but not the point. Quite apart from the fact that it isn't a level playing field (Mr Murdoch's companies pay virtually no tax and have escaped the programming costs that ITV companies have to bear), the key to digital television's hundreds, maybe thousands of new channels is too important to be left in one pocket. Especially if it is the pocket of Mr Murdoch, whose overwhelming loyalty is to the profitability of his own company even if that means - outrageously - kicking the BBC off his Star satellite in the Far East to appease China, or booting out an editor (Andrew Neil) because he jeopardised his Malaysian ambitions or raising his rights themselves but the electronic charges hugely to cable companies in order, presumably, to squeeze them out

of competitive existence. The gateway to digital television is so crucial it should be enshrined in law as a common carrier owned and operated by users without prejudice. In theory there are already restrictions on Mr Murdoch's potential to exploit his monopoly but everyone knows that in practice he will run rings round the regulators and will use the awesome power of his newspapers and media interests around the world to undermine any political party that dares to challenge his divine right to become the digital dictator of the information age. Labour will rue the day it gives way to him for short-term political advantage. Have no doubt, Citizen Murdoch will call in any favours.

The secret that always is

Britain's hidden strength may be brains not brawn

A MINOR mystery of the second world | But the conclusion to which the brilwar has been solved: the identity of the so-called "man who never was". Now we know that it was the body of a depressive suicidal tramp called Glyndwr Michael that was deliberately washed ashore in Spain in 1943, carrying the forged papers which successfully hoaxed the Germans into believing that the allied invasion of southern Europe would start in Sardinia rather than Sicily.

It has taken Roger Morgan more than thirty years of research to come up with Mr Michael's heroic but long forgotten name. To some, such an obsessive quest will seem almost absurd, or as another example of our inability to put the second world war behind us. Yet he has actually done us all a favour.

The British obsession with the war provides us with a national myth of bravery which sustains our football the national grey cells might achieve hooligans and our armed forces alike.

liant 1943 hoax points is rather different. Like the 1980s revelations about the Enigma code-breaking operations at Bletchley Park, it suggests that we have misled ourselves about the nature of the national genius. For it looks as though we owed victory in our Finest Hour less to bravery than to brains.

If that is true, then there is a lesson for our times. The battle of Waterloo may or may not have been won on the playing-fields of Eton but the defeat of Hitler seems increasingly to have been won in the maths and science faculties of our universities. Without wishing to substitute one national stereotype for another, the inference is that victory goes not to the strongest but to the brightest. If the investment in British brains could defeat fascism then, who knows what else a fresh investment in



Letters to the Editor

Tory morals fail the school test

not married (Better red than wed. October 28). I have two happy, academically and socially successful daughters; a partner of 21 years' standing who is employed in a responsible position with a multinational company, a first-class degree in philosophy and classical studies, a cat, a house and a mortgage. Yet for the lack of a piece of legally worded paper, I am to be de nounced as morally unsound.

We took the long route to get where we are. My partner and I were both academic failures at school, largely because we were both so alien-ated from the rest of the 'normal' children. My parents were separated and my father is black: my part-ner's parents were divorced. We both suffered from the cruelty inflicted by uncomprehending children who had been taught that one way of living was "right". My part-ner gained his extensive professional qualifications through years of day release. gained mine as a mature

been more fortunate. Their and authorities who prefer to peers, steeped in familial diversity, have not found their own responsibilities.

ET me reveal my state of | cause to taunt them. I can | hardly believe that respon-sible, worldly adults might be in all seriousness proposing to return to a situation where a child is denigrated and alienated from her contemposituation differs from the state-prescribed norm. Kim Shahabudin. Norcot Road.

> Reading RG30. OUR years ago I left my post as headteacher of one of the primary schools which sends most of its pupils to the Ridings School in Halifax. I did so largely because I had come to the conclusion that

society uses teachers as

capegoats. Teachers who work in areas like the Ovenden estate have to deal with pupils who are not only disruptive and violent but whose bad behaviour is often encouraged by their parents. When the school takes the only meaningful action available to it and suspends one of these pupils, it frequently finds it-self in conflict with not only or indeed Lord Parkinson. But my daughters have the parents but politicians blame teacher than address | Park Road

Working in the Middle and Far East, where parents and wider society take much of from school and by osmosis the responsibility for encouraging a culture of good behaviour, has given many clues as to why standards in British society are in decline. Rob Freeth.

English-Speaking School, P O Box 7660,

T WAS profoundly moving to hear Gillian Shephard

call for a greater emphasis on the value of the family (Marriage key to Tory morals, October 28). Undoubtedly what she has in mind is asking one of her backbench colleagues in the Tory Party to assist us weaker brethren in seeing the importance of moral living. She is not short of choice Tim Yeo will do as he knows only too well the benefits of multiple family life, or perhaps David Mellor (if she can afford his fees), and Stephen Norris could take time out from his range of mistresses For a more patrician view there is always Alan Clarke,

Hypocrisy? Just a touch Lawrence Waterman.

cell spurned DURING the six months I bspent in prison earlier this year, I met very few of from those prevalent in society and implicit in the behav-

iour of the leaders of the country. What moral rectitude will children learn from the Government's appointment of Sir Archibald Hamilton as a judge of Neil Hamilton's con-

As the Guardian reveals (Sir Archie's question of indgment, October 26), his financial transactions are not illegal, but ethically highly dubious, depending on how you view his practice of using his parliamentary privileges to secure large consultancy

That Mrs Shephard should consider that she, as a memper of this disreputable Gov ernment is equipped to dictate to the Schools Curriculum Authority on moral teaching in schools, de-fles belief. She's either wildly out of

touch with public opinion and unbelievably arrogant, or else she's pulling our legs. Eileen Noakes. Ridgeways, 2 Lower Warren Road, Kingsbridge, Devon TQ7 1LF.

payment of fines.

the "dangerous and violent" offenders whom Michael Howard would have us believe are packing the jails (Jailbouse Britain, October 28). Instead I met many under educated women, most with young children, who were in jail for petty crime. probation violations and non-For much of the time I

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spent in prison, staff shortages meant that education, association and even exercise a statutory right — were cancelled on a daily basis. We were not infrequently locked up in our single cells for up to 24 hours a day. Why does Michael Howard think that treating people like animals, and locking them up for everlonger periods, will reduce the propensity to reoffend? Andrea Needham. Oak Towers, Roughwood Drive,

Merseyside L33.

WELL done, Mr Howardi At one stroke to sweep wicked under the carpet and to solve the problem of rural unemployment. A new prison is a godsend to any run-down small town. It guarantees lots of secure jobs and provides a bonanza for the local traders. Mind you any old-fashioned ideas like rehabilitation and resettlement of offenders have to go out of the window. The thing is to keep the fodder flowing into the I M Parker.

The Cottage, Westleton Saxmundham Suffolk IP17 3AD.

Glass houses

So A public consultation exercise is planned for the Millennium Exhibition at Greenwich (Millennium tober 28)? I hope this exercise will be more meaningful than here in Edinburgh, where the Commission itself appears complicit in steam-rollering opposition. Edinburgh City Council

wants Millennium money for £20million project to turn the historic and unspoiled city centre, Calton Hill, into a commercial theme park, mirror-ing Greenwich's time motif, and including the world's largest all-glass building. Resi-dents and tourists alike overwhelmingly oppose the proposals. A poll conducted by he local paper at the Council's request reported 92 per cent against. Yet the councilors behind this intend to

claim support from their own "consultation exercise" case-study in low-information and high-marketing speak held in an obscure location at an exhibition of innovative architecture. Heavily loaded questionnaires there will pro-vide the material to claim "public consent". Repeated pleas for open public meetings

and impartial opinion polling The Millennium Commission, however, is the shadowy | Edinburgh.

presence. It is unaccountable but has an obvious interest in high-profile schemes going through. It is meant to take no part in developing plans. yet gave Edinburgh detailed informal advice about the sort of proposals it would pre-fer. Its guidelines specify pub-lic approval for schemes as a key criterion, but no defini tion for that is available. Nick Fiddes. nick@clan.com

Harding, the soft touch

COLLOWING the outery over my theory on the causes on the Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (Doctor's cot death line dismissed, October 25) I would be grateful for a chance to defend myself. The research was conducted over four years and culminated in a work of 15,000 words and some 350 references based mainly on studies for the USA, Australia and New Zealand. The paper I selected to quote which states that "risk has been found not to be elevated when the father smokes but not the mother" is well earched and has not been

My work does not state that all cot deaths are due to poor parental care — to have quoted me otherwise is both langerous and inflammatory. have, however, explained no also how actiology is related to each of the 11 risk factors. All of these cause sleep deprivation, except the prone sleeping position, with resultant intense (not "deep") and thus toneless sleep. Only a modest percentage of risk factors are ssociated with lapses in good care, and the latter are linked with a disrupting environment which prevents a mother from being preoccupied for that short vital time with her baby. (Dr) J Michael Simpson.

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Post-mortem

thew Harding (Letters, October 28), whose prompt reac-tion to a call for help from a female he didn't know and never met saved her from being thrown out on the street? As a sitting tenant of a property belonging to a com-pany which was part of the Chelsea Football Club, I had asked to be allowed to stay on in one of their empty flats for a maximum two-month period after the agreed termination of my tenancy, until I could move into alternative accommodation.

A request to the company had been met with instant rejection, and in desperation remembering an article about Matthew Harding in the Guardian over a year earlier which described him as af-fable and a socialist, I left a letter at his City office at 9.30am on June 24 this year, asking for his help. Literally 24 hours later, I was informed I could stay on, after what I later heard was a rather stormy board meeting the previous morning. Harding must have virtually followed me back from the City to Stamford Bridge to attend it. Susan Haskins. 12B Wilmington Square,

London WC1X 0ES. AT A time when self-seek-ing politicians are jump-ing on the "morality" bandwagon. Matthew Harding's London SE15 3UB.

WONDER if I might and a philosophy epitomised the short reminiscence of Mat-{ social responsibility that social responsibility that should go with the rewards of a successful business career. His attitude was "Tve done well out of business, and now I want to put something back" and his recent donation to the Labour Party showed he meant what he said. I don't suppose that there are many millionaires who proudly hang their (enormous) tax bill

on the wall of their City

The extraordinary outpour-

office.

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ing of grief showed just how much his unaffected manne was appreciated by everyone who shared his passion for our national game Ross Fraser. Chairman, Chelses Independent Supporters' Association.

Biker's rage

■READ with interest your article about road rage directed at cyclists by motorists (All the road rage, Octo-ber 23). Do any of your readers have any similar tactics for dealing with self-righteous cyclists who feel entitled to go through red lights and over pedestrian crossings, menacing innocent pedestrians in the process? Rob Warwick. 43 Carden Road.

On sponsors

ADAM Sweeting's perfectly fair review of The South Bank Show's The Making of Michael Collins (Double-entry terrorism. October 28) rather obliquely but clearly raises the problem of our relationship with our new sponsors, The Sunday Telegraph: "So you had to wonder how the South Bank film fitted between the tectonic plates of corporate media interests their political allegiances and

circulation wars." Sponsorship is widespread and necessary in the arts today. The Sunday Telegraph has absolutely no editorial input into the South Bank Show. We have also made a policy of ensuring our editorial independence from the subjects we take on and the questions asked, of Neil Jor-dan or anyone else. Together with the rest of our documentaries, the film on Collins was a result of what we as a team wanted to say. Melvyn Bragg. Controller of Arts, LWT,

London Television Centre, London SE1 9LT.

ones are more likely to appear. We regret we cannot acknowledge those not used.

Cheap shot

THE call by Dr Oscar Arias to control arms exports to the developing world is well justified (A plague of arms, October 21). However, earlier this year, Israel pulled off a barter deal with Costa Rica, in which his country paid more than \$3,000,000 for a consignment of secondhand Is-raeli weapons (famously, army!). As a British resident of his green and splendid land, I was appalled, in common, with most Costa Ricans. Particularly as the swingeing departure tax (\$35 for citizens) is said to be for improving the infrastructure, not for buying guns.

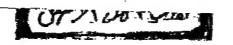
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A Country Diary

CHESHIRE: Wild flowers the purple, blue and violet heads had attracted the attenwere becoming hard to find by the last week in October but I reached the grand total of 24 during a long walk through the valley on a warm and sunny autumn day. The Himalayan balsam on the river bank looked very bedraggled after the recent rains. However, there were still plenty of bright pink and white flowers in evidence and these, together with several patches of red campion and a few tall plants of hogweed, were the most obvious amongst those on the list Less conspicuous was the herb Robert hidden away in a sheltered spot beneath a hawthorn hedges and the tiny. white, star-shaped flowers of bog stitchwort with square stems scrambling through the tall damp grass in a marshy depression close to the river. On a small grass embankment by the road that crosses the southern edge of the valley some black knapweed, devils-bit scabious and selfheal were still in flower and

tion of two small tortoishell butterflies in their quest for nectar. Not included in the total was the dog violet which was only in bud, and these buds would never open. The plant's dark green leaves had persisted long after its blue flowers, produced in spring, had faded away and, like the wood sorrel, it had resorted to self-pollination as a safeguard against the lack of insects in the often cold months of March and April. The bright green shut buds would germinate inside these closed cases. producing abundant seed. Eventually, with my search for flowers exhausted, I turned my attention to the fungi which proved to be more visible and numerous. On one large trunk of a fallen beech I counted five species of small fungi, including arrow of club-shaped fruit bodies of the candle snuff fungus with antier-like whitish tips and black stalks.

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Diary Matthew Norman

UNIQUELY touching document has come into the Diary's possession. It is a British
Airways competition form,
filled out neatly in black
felt-fip, which was found at
the Conservative Party conference in Bournemouth.
BA, which had a stand
there, was holding the
contest purely for delegates, who were invited to
compete for "a dream
holiday for two in the Caribbean worth £3,000". All sion. It is a British

bean worth 23,000". All they had to do was answer five multiple-choice ques-tions—how many people BA flew into Britain last year, for instance, and how many it employs (nothing, oddly enough, about how many it has harassed for complaining about finding bits of glass in its food) and then write a tie-breaker of no more than 15 words. This particular form, which was found discarded, was completed but never entered by a certain Mr PR McDowell from Cheshire. Giving his occupation as "constituency agent," Mr McDowell ticked off the five answers and then, respond-ing to the poser "I'd like to fly British Airways to the Caribbean because produced a tie-breaker so

MTV: an apology. On Friday, it was erroneously stated that the breakfast station GMTV pulled out of an interview with John Major in favour of one with singing duo Robson and Jerome. This was incorrect, and we wish to apologise if we inadvertently made GMTV seem trivial and foolish. In fact, the interview with the Prime Minister was cancelled, we now learn, to make way for a Tom and

sweet it makes you want to weep. "I could do with a

break," wrote Mr McDowell, "T'm Neil Hamilton's agent."

N sensational news from Oxfordshire, Banbury Conservative Club is contemplating changing its name after 102 years. The Banbury bit is fine. It's the rest they're not sure about. "We feel a lot of younger people stay away because it is called the Conservative Club." says its chairman, Duncan Ainsworth. Members vote on Thursday on whether to change, and if so, to what. Suggestions are most welcome.

TEPHEN Neville writes from Warley in the west Midlands to report receiving a free gift from a computer magazine. It is a CD-Rom of everything published in the Sunday limes last year, and on getting it home, Mr Neville did what any normal person would do . . . he headed for the musings of wine waiter Taki-George, Filing away in the memory banks T-G's promise a year ago to leave the country should Labour win the election, we come to the Cypriot's New Year's-Day predictions for 1995. "Neither Boris Yeltsin, nor Deng Xiaoping, nor Fidel Castro, nor Helmut Kohl, nor John Major will be around this time next vear." wrote the seer. be presiding at the Elysee". Truly, the man's a genius.

N the machine is a message from Uri Geller. "If you don't call me back," it says, "I will bend your phone." Url, it transpires, wants to con-firm Friday's item about the teddy bear. He did borrow his son Daniel's teddy. energise it with healing power, and send it by courier to help Al Gore's in-jured son, Al Junior. And the US Vice President did indeed write to thank him for the teddy bear's medical help when the boy recov-ered. Having made this clear, Uri offers "an exclusive scoop" about how he buried healing crystals be-neath the Wembley goal-posts before England games in Euro '96. Can you guess which one he missed? "I went there with four crystals on the day of the Ger many game," says Uri sadly, "but they weren't letting anyone on the pitch."

NE of those annual lists of Hollywood's 100 most powerful people has just been published. Now magazine reports, and guess who makes a new entry at num-ber 100? Yes, it's Lourdes Ciccone. Not bad going, is it. for someone aged a



Howard, the Home Alone Secretary

Commentary Hugo Young

HE final session of this Parliament belongs to Michael Howard. There could be no

There could be no more fitting gargoyle on its tombstone. The Home Secretary is in charge of half the parliamentary time and all the political pay-off, as he should be.

His bills are the last attempt to clean up what has gone wrong, the detritus of 17 years. Paedophiles, stalkers, a plethora of guns and knives, above all the onward march of crime: that these should be the preoccupation of the Comthe preoccupation of the Com-mons's last six months is eloquent - and not just about the state of Britain. The buck stops with Mr Howard. He deserves his apotheosis. His work is all his own.

Uniquely among ministers, the Home Secretary is lord of his terrain. He has political licence no other minister can match, if he wants to use it. What tethers most other governmental work is either

strains even the most assernetworks of Whitehall, cash-linked and priority-minded, impose their own form of col-lective government. The Home Office lives in a

different world. Crime is in-ternational, and Europe is ever-present, so the FCO has something to say. But "policy" often costs nothing up front, and can be declared by a bold minister after little or no consultation. This is what happened with the 27-point manifesto with which Mr Howard announced himself as a crime-buster at the 1993 Conservative Party conference. The first John Major heard of most of that was when heard better the listened to it on the platform, yet it committed the collective to new policies based on nothing more per-suasive than Mr Howard's prejudices. The story is not much different in 1996, with the fifth crime bill in six

The colleagues, in other words, play small part in Mr Howard's triumph. The Home Office rules. Emergencies produce exceptions, and over Dunblane and the Cullen Report, the Home Secretary's attention to the gun lobby was overridden by the Scottish Secretary's anxiety for his seat. But this was a rare economy or diplomacy — or both. Since "policy" on health or agriculture or education usually has resources at the heart of it, the Treasury's listers, their budgets unthreat-

agreement is indispensable.
Any policy with international aspects brings in the Foreign Office. The need for cross-departmental consensus restrains even the most access. more prisons has not excited their concern, maybe because day-to-day spending on pris-ons has already been sharply cut by Mr Howard himself. Colleagues, however, are

only the first of the excluded. Next come the officials who, unlike ministers, actually want to be of service to the great man. Expertise and ex-perience is what they are paid to deliver. But Mr Howard soon showed his disdain for what they had to offer. Such was his certainty in his own judgment that, within six months of going to the Home Office, he was the subject of an unprecedented completed. an unprecedented complaint by under and assistant-secre-taries in the policy field, who notified the head of their department that they were being ignored and humili-ated. Stories of ministerial contempt were legion, and if the stream has now abated it is only because officials have long given up expecting any-

thing better.
Disregard for their adherence to objectivity continues rampant. Take mandatory sentencing, the cornerstone of Mr Howard's valedictory bill. It is hard to find an expert in It is hard to find an expert in the field who supports the removal of judicial discretion. Even for the most serious crime, murder, the mandatory life sentence has attracted a body of careful negative research. By substituting

the crudity of a political in-struction for the case-by-case justice judges presently administer, in new fields from burglary to rape, the bill does not merely guarantee some atrocious sentences but stands a fair chance of defeatstands a fair chance of defeating its own purposes. It may neither punish nor deter. There is plenty of evidence from other jurisdictions pointing to the tendency of juries not to convict, and sometimes prosecutors not to try, where they see the grotesque injustice that might result in the particular case.

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the particular case.
These are trivial incon-These are trivial inconveniences, swept aside by the Home Secretary. He is his own best expert at manipulating select statistics to produce the right result. In any case, his glorious isolation is not yet complete. There are other people where rights result. people whose wisdom cannot be allowed to compromise it— the judges. Lord Taylor, then

He ignores colleagues, despises officials, teaches a civics lesson to judges

Lord Chief Justice, described Howard's latest exercise in ju-dictions language, observing that "never in the history of our criminal law have such far-reaching proposals been put forward on the strength of such dubious and flimsy evidence". Lord Donaldson said that under them judges would "be required to be unjust". Even when judges freely enter public debate, not one of them has supported what the Home Secretary proposes. But then judges know something about crime, its variety and complexity, its infinite resistance to simple responses. Last week, Mr Howard dismissed them (on Radio 4's Today) as being without democratic

So we know who he does not listen to. He ignores his colleagues, despises his offi-cials, teaches a civics lesson to the judges. He is almost, but not quite, alone. Keeping him company, source of his wisdom and fount of his enerwisdom and fount of his energy, are the public at large. What he is doing, he has often told us, is done by public demand. And nobody would deny that the public wants something done about many aspects of the crime that has proceed through our resistence. roared through our society over the past two decades.

over the past two decades.

The public, however, is a problematic source of truth. It is called in aid as the stipulator of tough sentencing, without any evidence that it has precise, or even approximate, knowledge of what presently goes on in court. I doubt that one person in a hundred one person in a hundred could accurately describe what sentences are now given and available for either rape or burglary, yet it is upon this body of collective wisdom that the case for the Howard regime entirely rests. If people are ignorant of the status quo, it seems unwise to endow with supreme author-ity their demand to change it. Yet, outside himself, that is the only influence Mr Howard

Here, I think, we reach his real apotheosis. The public, wallowing in ignorance. takes a version of the truth from those with the loudest voices. Over crime and pun-ishment, they are the voices that elevate simplicity, injustice and brute responses over subtlety, intelligence and creative realism. They are found all over the press, tabloid and other, which goads the country down to its own level of despair.

will concede.

But the chief instructor of the ignorant is the Home Secretary himself. He is the au-thority who tells the people there is no other way, then cites them as his own authority. The solipsism is complete. Michael Howard: alpha and omega of a dying government that looks only to itself.

Books beyond the Booker's city limits



AST month, the Cumbrian writer John Murray published his fourth novel. Relver Blues: A Border Apocalypse (Flambard, £8.99) is an arresting piece of work, a comic extravagency set in the "debatable

However, I can guarantee that not one in 20 of the readers of this article, or the punters bidden to attend the

No, he is a previous winner of a Dylan Thomas Award, and his book comes with praise from the likes of Margaret Forster and Jonathan Coe people whose opinion the lit-erary world generally respects. Is it because the book isn't widely obtainable? No again — despite their small size, his publishers have a proper distribution system and most of the major London stores are stocking it.

In fact, the reason why most people will never have heard of John Murray is that his books are brought out by ever reviews him.

Critics often complain about the cliquishness and back-scratching of the average books pages. Rarely, though, does anyone draw attention to their incorrigible metropolitan bias and their lack of interest in any novel not stamped with the colo-phon of a major London pub-lishing house. One of the more chearing developments of British literary life over the past half-decade has been the emergence of a clutch of small, lively, provincial publishing firms.
Some, like Panurge Publishing in Cumbria or Sunk

Island in Lincolnshire, have grown out of successful literary magazines. Others, like Flambard, based in Newcastie, or slightly older firms such as Carcanet (Manches-

specialising in new novels by | too, deserve their hearing.

writers one had actually heard of (Susan Curran and Jeremy Leland, for instance) Rampant Horse soon ran up against a single, immoveable obstacle: no one would review their books. In the end, the owners decided to invest a substantial part of invest a substantial part of their capital simply in hiring a PR agency to tout their list around the literary editors. Still no one would review them. Chastened and presumably wallet-lightened, the proprietors went back to their daviots. day-jobs.

Murray published his fourth novel. Reiver Blues: A Border Apocalypse (Flambard, £8.99) is an arresting piece of work, a comic extravaganza set in the "debatable lands" around Carlisle, touching on such topics as oriental sex manuals, aubergines and 16th-century border history, and turning towards its end into a satire on recent events in the former Yugoslavia.

However, I can guarantee a national books page.

A little research in the

newspaper libraries confirms this bias. I selected two Sun-Booker Prize dinner at the Guildhall, will even have heard of book or author.

Why is this? Is it because John Murray isn't any good? Ites, the Guardian and Independent, with a reputation for good books coverage and combed through a month's worth of reviews sections to count how many times a review noticed a novel not published by a major London firm. The Sunday Times man-aged one, a 100-word notice of a Women's Press crime novel; the Sunday Telegraph scored nil; the Guardian summarised a Polygon novel in two sentences; the Independent, nothing. About the only exception to this depressing rule is the Mail on Sunday, which, despite its mass circu lation, does manage to notice occasional books by small opa small press in the north of erators, such as Ringoull and England and therefore no one No Exit.

> AXED with this failing, the average literary edi-tor tends to look glum and murmur about lack of space and editorial flats. Many editors — the Sunday
> Times is a prime culprit —
> are forever nagging their
> staff to hire well-known
> people to review books by well-known people. But where does this leave the small fiction publisher? About the best they can hope for is to exist as a literary nursery, cultivating the odd Tibor Fischer (as Polygon did) only to have him snatched by a big firm.

To return to John Murray, I think that Reiver Blues is twice as good a book as - say — the new Margaret Drabble, currently clogging up space on every books page. Sadly, go in for kinds of writing that never have the chance to con-the big firms tend to ignore. firm or deny this opinion. It What unites them is their is worth remembering, as almost complete inability to this year's Booker winner get their books noticed in the steps forward to receive his national media. The history of Rampant other voices out there in the Horse Books is an example of this. Based in Norwich and London book-circuit. They,

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Gorbals weapons included the spear of a swordfish, a

knife often kills.

So after the — partially — successful crusade against handguns comes another against combat knives. There are a number of key differences in the debates. For a start, there is no significant same building in which Chindamo has just been sentenced, two young men were jailed two young men were jailed two young men were jailed two young students at an Oxford crammer who had accessory to a lot of young-start, there is no significant

When knives are out

handguns or shotguns. Duncan Campbell believes we must ban combat knives

HE simplest route from the Guardian offices to the Old Bailey is through Smithfield meat t. It seems somehow aptack to the transfer of the tra

More murderers use what statistics call 'sharpened instruments' than they do

propriate to have to step over pools of blood on the way to court. The mean records a pools of blood on the way to weapons because the wounds citizen way to weapons because the wounds of the pool of the way to weapons because the wounds of the pool of the way to weapons because the wounds of the pool of the way to weapons because the wounds of the pool of the pool of the way to weapons because the wounds of the pool of the way to weapons because the wounds of the pool o

court. The meat porters are a fairly cheery crew — "No dancing!" one of them shouted, when I slipped on the inevitably treacherous the cheery crew — so after the — partially — the inevitably treacherous continuous partially — the cheery crew — "No dancing!" one of them his life, whereas a plunged knife often kills.

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weapons because the wounds citizenry armed with a knife they inflicted were more damin its teeth and ready against

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surface the other week.
Just south of the market, as

Just south of the market, as you approach the building where Learco Chindamo was jailed for life for stabbing head teacher Philip Lawrence to death last week, is a butcher's equipment shop. On display is the most impressionable of the property of the charge of the cha

a wedding present.

Real life in Glasgow then mirrored the bloody battles in the book and the Glasgow Evening Times in 1931 reported the debris picked up by the police effer one partic.

display is the most impressive array of sharpened instruments seen outside the Glasgow Gorbals of the 1930s, when slashing was regarded almost as an art form.

In the classic novel about that era, No Mean City, the authors A McArthur and H Kingsley Long recount how Johnnie Stark became the Razor King of Glasgow. Stark would "whirl his weapons like a drum-major" and was even given a pair of cut-throat razors with fancy handles as a wedding present.

Real life in Glasgow then mirrored the bloody battles in realised by the government from the news.

view." The Association of Chief Police Officers is also that the Home Secretary.

Michael Howard, adopted last week intriguing. He had said that as much as was feasible had been done already to limit the use of such weapons,

tify drugs laws that have little effect, we can surely intro-duce and justify laws that happy to bash out a definition if one can be honestly found. Which makes the position

The Police Superintendents'

Mackenzie, its president, says: "the type of weapons we

are talking about has no pur-

Real life in Glasgow then mirrored the bloody battles in the book and the Glasgow Evening Times in 1931 reported the debris picked up by the police after one particularly violent street confrontation: "The spear of a sword-fish and a wicked-looking Gurkha knife... a piece of copper tubing ... a brassheaded poker... an iron rod three foot long, with a book at each end."

Now get the picture: if you the Boer war, when it was mirror and the government that the average English from the news.

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define and ban combat knives. Knives with names like Rambo Sidearm and Rambo Shortsword are not bought by people who want them to chop their celery down a manageable size for a salad or think that they might use them to extract a pebble from a horse's hoof on an

consumption. He has often said that just because a law is

In the latest annual homi-

cide figures for England and

Wales, 236 people were killed by a sharpened instrument out of a total of 677 deaths.

That is 35 per cent, so the

sharp weapon, usually a knife, is the country's fa-

youred murder weapon. In Scotland, the percentage is even higher, at 43 per cent. So we are talking about weapons

that regularly kill more people than handguns and shotguns put together. If we can introduce and jus-

Association has been most voluble on the subject. Brian flouted, it does not mean that the bresident, we should do nothing.

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Architect of Polaris

recently-disballistic missile submarine force, Vice-Admiral Sir Hugh Mackenzie, who has died aged 83, has a strong claim to the title of the most important submariner in British history

After outstanding wartime service, Mackenzie rose to rear-admiral and became flag turn of 1961. It was a testing time for submariners as they prepared to deploy HMS Dreadnought, Britain's first nuclear hunter-killer boat.

Technical backwardness the Royal Navy to depend on American nuclear know-how. This reliance broadened enor-mously after Prime Minister Macmillan persuaded President Kennedy at the end of 1962 to let Britain buy Polaris strategic nuclear missiles. complete with the related submarine and electronic technologies. It seemed only natural to appoint Mackenzie chief Polaris executive on Boxing Day that year.

The task was a uniquely complex one for the Royal Navy. The A3 version of Po-British warhead and deployed in British-built nuclear submarines with an Americandesigned midships section to hold the missiles. Under Mackenzie's tutelage, the first Polaris boat - HMS Resolution - was launched in 1966 and set off on her first armed patrol in June, 1968.

The Royal Navy thus took over the British "independeterrent from the Royal Air Force's V-bomber force, courtesy of the White

Robert Crossman

and men's movement. Above

these activities what the author Tom Wakefield de-

scribed as his "great histri-

onic ability" - a term Cross-

He was committed to using

politics as a vehicle for mak-

ing real change. At 15 he

Labour Party and was an

active member for more than | Labour whip in 1994.

30 years, becoming a local In 1986 he became mayor, a

all he was a tireless fighter l against injustice and dis-



Complex manoeuvre . . . Sir Hugh plans the introduction of Polaris to the navy. Alongside him is a model of a missile

vice-admiral with his knighthood (KCB). He had seen the project through from concep tion to realisation remark ably quickly and within budget. He also saw the end of the story, unveiling a plaque at Faslane in August this year to mark the end of the Polaris

Gay pride of the mayor

OBERT Crossman, who | councillor in Altrincham in | role in which he could do one

sented the Islington wards of

Highview, Gillespie and High-

bury for more than 12 years

As a councillor he fought

passionately for the develop-

ment of education services

and represented Islington on

the Inner London Education

Authority in the mid-1980s.

Indeed, it was his decision to

vote against cuts in Isling-

ton's under-fives daycare

which almost lost him the

Robert Crossman, who has died of cancer aged 49, was a lifelong at Manchester Polytechnic as Labour Party activist and a mature student, he moved

leader in the gay community to London where he repre-

verness, one of four children of a Highland doctor. He was only 13 when he won a prized place at Dartmouth Naval College as a cadet. Although he loved the navy, Mackenzie was less keen on life aboard battleships and volunteered for the submarine service. This was risky because the Admiraity was once again

of the things he enjoyed most:

celebrating the achievements

of others. As a gay mayor who

an important role model for

many gay men as he took on his public office with delight,

As a founder and chairman

of the Islington lesbian and

gay committee he constantly

sought creative ways to in-

more actively in local govern-

ment, often taking meetings outside the town hall to make

them more accessible. He had

a thriving career in organisa-tional development, working

spite the near-victory of the German U-boats in 1917. But the diminutive Mackenzie, nicknamed Rufus for his red hair, qualified in 1935 and got his first command the submarine Thrasher, in the Mediterranean in 1941. thick of the ferocious submarine campaigns in the

nearly half the total deployed. Thrasher almost joined them when two unexploded bombs lodged inside her outer hull after an air-attack provoked by her sinking a freighter on the Axis supply-line. His first lieutenant and a petty officer each won the Victoria Cross for dislodging them. Five months

One of his most profound

with men and his recognition

of their resources of loving

strength. Through work-

he gave men the skills and

confidence to achieve their

caring potential, challenging

many of the stereotypes we

experience. He enjoyed his

oppression. Hundreds of

men's lives have been radi-

cally changed as a result of

Diagnosed with bowel can-cer in 1994, he characteristi-

cally took this on as a chal-

lenge to overcome. As a Sister

of Perpetual Indulgence he

changed his title to Mother

"Kiss My Arse Goodbye" -

reflecting the acceptance of

meeting him.

a regular driver.

naval aircraft. Mackenzie managed to bring her into Port Said in a sinking condition. For his part in sinking 11 enemy vessels, including vital tankers and Mussolini's heavily-armed "yacht", laden with petrol meant for Rom-mel's tanks, Mackenzie was awarded a DSO in 1942 and a

second in 1943. He then transferred to new submarine, the Tantalus, and a new theatre of comba the Pacific. There he made the two longest patrols of the war by a British submarine. lia, he took his new boat into the narrow waters of the Java and South China seas, evading Japanese patrols, U-boats and mines. For his exploits in the DSC in 1945.

took charge of the notorious "perisher" course for woulde submarine skippers from 1946-48. As a captain, he com-manded a flotilla of destroyers and two shore establish ments before returning to his beloved submarines as chief staff officer to its flag officer, whose post he inherited in summer 1961.

In retirement, he chaired the Navy League for six years until 1974. A keen fisherman, ne also sat on the board of the Atlantic Salmon Trust, which he left as chairman in 1983. A ear earlier, calm as ever in a crisis, he rescued his wife from their blazing car after a collision, despite his own severe burns. She, their son and two daughters survive

Dan Yan Der Vat

Hugh Stirling Mackenzie, submariner, born July 3, 1913; died

Gay Man Fighting Aids, the his diagnosis with both hu-National Aids Helpline and mour and strength.

He always believed in treat ing himself well and insisted on taking a holiday in Australia in 1995, prescribing himself the Gay Mardi Gras. At the beginning of 1996, not being able to find a cancer support group for men, he immediately established a network for men with cancer. He kept a Che Guevara quote posted up in his home to remind himself of his true drive in every aspect of his

true revolutionary is guided by great feelings of love." Robert O'Neill Crossman was just such a revolutionary and an inspiration to many.

Paul Deviln

Robert O'Neili Crossman, politi

and Michael Barrymore, But.

clan, born March 7, 1947; died October 21, 1996

Jack Tinker

A shining star in the stalls

Daily Mail since 1971. broadcaster, author and performer in the great American tradition of Alexander Wooll-cott: he had only just returned from presenting his own anecdotal one-man show. An Evening With Jack Tin-ker, aboard the QE2. But, above all, he was a great lifelover whose very presence lit up a room.

He was born in Oldham, educated at Hulme Grammar School for Boys and entered eral reporter on the Surrey Advertiser. But it was as theatre and film critic of the Brighton Evening Argus from manner that appealed both to in identical clothes. One of my charity, a man of discerning

ACK TINKER, who has died aged 58, had been name. Reports would filter drama critic of the back from actors on pre-West back from actors on pre-West End tours to the Theatre Royal of a remarkable local critic. Indeed one of Tinker's favourite stories, told against himself, was of Ralph Richardson encountering him in later life and crying, in plain-tive tones: "When I read you in Brighton, you were a poet.

What happened was that he pecame drama critic of the Daily Mail, following in the footsteps of Bernard Levin and Peter Lewis. Poetry would have been out of place. Tinker's great gift as a critic was that he wrote about theatre with enormous zest, knowledge and enthusiasm in a

the cognoscenti and to the Mail's wide readership. His overnight reviews were given an enormous splash on page three. Latterly he also wrote an excellent theatre mond-up and a characteristically witty personal cohumn.

Robert Robinson dubbed drama critics "anonymous men who catch the last bus back to Muswell Hill". You could never say that of Jack. He was a natural performer who actually enjoyed a share of the limelight. He was a snappy dresser who liked to annear at a first night in the appropriate gear: he once turned up at Shakespeare's mistaken-identity play The Comedy of Errors with his own lookalike, Wayne Sleep, clad

fondest memories is also of appearing with him on the first British charity telethon where critics performed a party-piece: Tinker, needless to say, brought the house down with an inimitable rendering of Alice Blue Gown. He was a natural extrover

Crossman . . . tireless fighter

cern, the National Associa-

related organisations.

with local councils, Age Con- bian and Gay Switchboard,

tion of Citizens' Advice

He celebrated his and

others' sexuality with a pas-

sion and was a committed

member of many organisa-tions, including London Les-

companion: I have vivid recol colleagues under the table in Stratford, Ontario, and of keeping dinner-tables in Perth and Sydney in a roar with accounts of his first bazardous trip to Australia (he had, uncharacteristically, turned up at Heathrow without a visa). But behind the love of fun there was also a serious side. He was a tireless worker for



Tinker ... natural extrovert

taste and a first-rate journalist who took pride in his versatil-ity — something appreciated by the Mail, which sent him to cover events as diverse as the Labour Party's Sheffleld Gala

and boxing in America.

As a critic, he was not afraid to mingle with the stars. He was one himself and was at ease with the likes of Maggie Smith - of whom he had once written an excoriat-

ing notice, later forgiven — Jack Tinker, critic, born Februal Robert Stephens, Elton John 15, 1938; died October 28, 1996 Jack Tinker, critic, born February

who score high on the sense-

when he put pen to paper, he was fiercely independent. He also had the great capacity to make the theatre sound an exciting place to be and to write about it, with crisp intel-ligence, for a mass audience. owed by tragedy: he was haunted by the death of one of his three dearly-loved daughters. But he took great pride in being a grandfather, enjoyed to the hilt his dual residency of London and Brighton found time to write a number Douglas Cameron, radio of books, including one on The TV Barons and another on Coronation Street, and never wrote a dull sentence in his

have lost a valued friend.

entrepreneur, founder of Next, 55; Angela Douglas, actress, 46; Richard Dreylife. Not only will the hermetic world of criticism be a much poorer place without him, the theatre itself will mourn his passing and his countless readers will feel that they too

vice-chairman, Fortnum and

fass, actor, 49; Lady (Joyce) Gould, former director of organisation, Labour Party, 64: David Grindley, athlete 24: Robert Hardy, actor, 71: Michael Jayston, actor, 61; R B Kitaj, artist, 64; Janet Trotter, college principal, 53; Jon Vickers, operatic tenor, 70; Galen Weston, tycoon,

Death Notices

Memorial Services

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Frog revenge

TWO local men were seriously injured when their pick-up truck left the road and struck a tree near Cotton Patch on State Highway 38 early Monday morning. Woodruff County Deputy Davey Snyder reported the accident shortly after midnight Monday. Thurston Poole, 33 of Des Arc and Billy Ray Wal-lis, 38, of Little Rock are listed in serious condition at Baptist Medical Center. The accident occurred as the two men were returning to Des Arc after a frog gigging [catching]

On an overcast Sunday night, Poole's pick-up truck headlights malfunctioned. the headlight fuse on the Nerd man I GET about 100 e-mail mes

older model truck had burned out. As a replacement fuse was not available, Wallis noticed that the .22 calibre bul-let from his pistol fitted perfectly into the fuse box next to the steering wheel column. Upon inserting the bullet, the headlights again began to op-erate properly and the two toward the White River Bridge, After travelling apbefore the bridge, the bullet apparently overheated, discharged and struck Poole in

the right testicle. The vehicle swerved sharply to the right exiting the pavement and striking

Poole suffered only minor cuts and abrasions from the accident, but will require surgery to repair the other wound. Wallis sustained a broken clavicle and was treated and released. "Thank God we weren't on that bridge when Thurston shot his nuts off or we might have been dead," stated Wallis.

From the Arkansas Democrat

ages a day from readers of

my comic strip "Dilbert" and a growing number are from romen who write to say they think Dilbert is sexy. Some say they've already married a Dilbert and couldn't be hap pier. If you're not familiar with Dilbert, he's an electrical engineer who spends most of his time with his com puter. He's a nice guy but not exactly Kevin Costner. So what's the attraction? I think it's a Darwinian thing. We're attracted to the people who have the best ability to survive and thrive. In the old days it was important to be able to run down an antelope and kill it with a single blow to the forehead. Now all that matters is if you can install your own Ethernet card without having to call tech support and confess your inade quacies to a stranger whose best career option is to work in tech support. It's obvious that the world has three dis-

tinct classes of people, each with its own evolutionary destiny: 1. Knowledgeable computer users who will evolve into godlike non-corporeal beings who rule the who work in tech support). . Computer owners who try to pass as knowledgeable but secretly use hand calculators to add totals to their Excel spreadsheets. This group will gravitate toward jobs as high school principals and operators of pet crematoriums

Non-computer users will grow tails, sit in zoos, and fling dung at tourists.
Obviously, if you're a woman and you're trying to decide which evolutionary track you want your offspring to take, you don't want to put them on the luge ride to the dung-flinging Olympics. You want a real man. You want a knowledgeable computer user with evolution potential And women prefer men who isten. Computer users are excellent listeners because they can look at you for long perirelationship it's better if the Finally, there's the issue of mood lighting. Nothing looks sexier than a man in boxer

shorts illuminated only by a 15-inch SVGA monitor. If we agree that this is every woman's dream scenario. then I think we can also agree that it's best if the guy knows now to use the computer. Scott Adams, cartoonist, try ing very hard to convice us that computer nerds are the sex symbols of the nineties. Discovered on the humour listserver. Thanks to Paul Oldham,

Funny thing

LAUGH yourself fighting fit: Researchers at Loma Linda University in California have discovered that laughter may positively affect the immune system. Laugh yourself stress-free: Researchers have found levels of immunoglobin A, an antibody secreted in the saliva that helps protect the body against respiratory invaders, drop markedly when peopleods of time without saying get stressed. But this drop is anything. Granted, early in a

of-humour scale. augh yourself to a longer life: Studies indicate laughter may increase longevity. But comedians don't live longer than anyone else, suggesting that when it comes to health, what counts is not so much a talent to make others laugh, as the ability to keep yourself happy and amuse Laugh yourself happy: Humour has demonstrable psy-



Zest . . . laughter lines

joke and laughing with others helps produce social cohesion and a feeling of belonging. alienation, which can be a big factor in depression. In Bombay in India, there are now nearly 30 "laughing clubs" where members meet every day just to stand and laugh uproariously — at nothing. Laugh yourself slim and fit: William Fry, Professor Emeritus of Psychiatry at Stanford University, says laughing 100 times is the aerobic equivalent of spending about 10 minutes on a rowing machine. Zest magazine warns us to all start chuckling a little more.

chological benefits. Telling a

White skeleton

IN A shocking blunder, the White House successfully put pressure on Hotwired Magazine to stop linking President Clinton's name to this very web page. This was all done behind the scenes — we had no idea until we read Brock Meek's Netizen column of April 30. The White House official involved, David Lytel, was in charge of creating the popular Clinton White House web site. He recently left the White House, and is working for a private web page consultant. At a conference, he attacked Netizen for being cynical and unfair, citing the Skeleton Closet link. Meeks, in response, noted that Hotwired had removed the link after receiving official pressure from the White House. In Hotwired's "Threads" discussion, another Hotwired employee admitted that they had been "intimidated" by receiving email from the "whitehouse-.gov" domain early in Neti-zen's infancy, and said she regretted that they caved in. Feeling the pressure, extract from Skeleton Closet, a web site that digs up all the dirt on Presidential candidates. Found at www.reaichan ge.org/index.htm

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Emily Sheffield

Mary Tuck

A taste for iustice

Unit for 13 years. During that time — in the later part of a long and varied career - she influenced the direction of criminological thinking, played a major part in shaping public policy on crime, and inspired all those who

worked with her. Early intellectual curiosity led her to study for a further degree (following her open scholarship to St Anne's, Oxford, to read English) in social psychology at the Lon-don School of Economics. There she was inspired by Martin Fishbein with whom she formed a lifelong friendship. Her book How Do We Choose drew upon Fishbein's work on attitudes, rationality and choice and is an early example of her ability to communicate complex intellec-tual ideas to a wider

> This skill was important when she joined the Home Office Research and Planning Unit (RPU) in 1976. The pur pose of the RPU is to provide an impartial and objective empirical base for the development of policy, but as one of her predecessors wrote many years before: "to pre-serve scientific integrity while acting as a servant of the Secretary of State has never been easy

Coming from a career in "communications". Tuck brought fresh insights in how research could be effectively conveyed in public debate and how findings, frequently unpalatable to ministers could be used constructively,

in policy formation. She could make complex ideas or sophisticated statisti-cal analysis intelligible. She loved literature and would often clarify a point by relat-

ing it to a scene, a plot or a character in a novel. To portray her as merely a brilliant communicator would not do her justice. She developed the discipline of criminology in many important ways, most significantly by emphasising the importance of community in under standing crime and in shaping effective crime prevention strategies. At this time the

findings of the new British Crime Survey were graphi-cally illustrating how certain disproportionately affected by seeming ridiculous, that the crime. (It was also a time when Mrs Thatcher was stating that "there is no such thing as society".)

For Tuck the importance of community was real, not just theoretical. Away from the

public eye she was very active in her local community in west London. For many years she served as a member of the West London Catholic Education Committee. She established the Mangrove Trust to raise money to save the West Indian community centre of the same name and supported the Notting Hill Carnival.

She was born into a Catholic family and brought up in what she described as a "Cor-onation Street" neighbour-hood in St Helens, Lanca-

presenter, 63; George Davies,

Birthdays

HE continued to promote social research following her appoint tishare in the Economic and Social Research Council, Committed ikland oil

to raising awareness and the and criminal justice, she wrote and lectured on the subject and frequently appeared on radio and televi-sion. She recently joined the wanted to promote as an authoritative and impartial Through her energy, inspiration and charisma, she en-

a year teaching at the Univer-sity of Pittsburgh before

working for two years at the

Government Communication

Headquarters.
She switched careers to be

come a journalist at Vogue. where she edited the Vogue

Beauty Book. Journalism led to copywriting for various advertising agencies and to

market research. During this period she married Robin and

brought up her family of four

children.
Although she would have

had reservations about the label "feminist" she was

greatly concerned about the

position of women in society

and wrote several articles on the topic. She was later to

urge female staff never to ac-

cept that it was not possible to

have a family and get to the

top. She also wrote her first

book The Intelligent Woman's

Tuck retired from the Home

Office in 1989 but never retired from public life. She was an assessor to Lord Jus-

tice Woolf's enquiry into the

prison disturbances of 1990.

Her profound sense of fair-

ness and personal integrity meant that she saw no contra-diction in being a member of the Parole Board at the same

time as being National Chair

of Victim Support.

Guide to Good Taste:

riched the lives of all who came into contact with her. She was open and frank, but sense of humour, with the ability to defuse a potentially difficult situation with a joke at her own expense.

She will be remembered by

those who worked with her with genuine and deep affection at the personal level and enduring respect for her

Roger Tarting

Mary Tuck, social researches and civil servant, born May 25.

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Governor fights for rate rise

Larry Elliott

Despite the beneficial impact of sterling's strength on inflation, the Bank remains worrled that without a timely rise in rates the authorities could be forced into more drastic action at a later stage. The meeting, the latest in the monthly series between the two men, is being seen as

Some analysts suggest that the meeting might even be the last chance for the Bank to change the Chancellor's mind before the next election. Tomorrow's meeting is the last before the Budget on November 26 and a subsequent rise, in the run-up to Christmas is deemed unlikely. The next opportunity would be early in the new year, by which time electioneering would be underway in ear-nest, making a rate rise politi-

Yesterday the pound closed at \$1.6111 and DM 2.4460, pushing the Bank of Eng-land's trade weighted index. which measures the pound's strength against a basket of currencies, to 89.6 — its highest for nearly two years. Sterling's recent resilience

US dollar against pound

complaining about the adverse effect of the strength of

tion down.

sure — the pick up in growth, the upbeat surveys from the Confederation of British In-dustry and the Association of British Chambers of Com-merce, rising house prices The Chancellor is likely to

Ing between Chancellor and at any time for the last 40 governor in September Mr years.

George urged a small increase Mr Clarke has already indi-

in base rates, warning of the cated a relatively tight bud dangers in delaying. The getary package and will there Bank will argue that the pound's performance has to fore take some persuading to tighten monetary policy. Roger Bootle, chief econo-mist at HSBC Greenwell, sald: be set against indications of mounting inflationary pres-"The markets would see even a small rise in rates as the start of a trend. They would think that higher inflation is on the way and long rates would probably go up rather than down. There could be quite a considerable impact

> The pound's rise may also have been fuelled by events unrelated to the UK economy. "Sterling is being seen as something of a safe haven, somewhere to park your money while you work out

Trafalgar House.

For the companies, the issue appears only one of price — though industry resword to say. CalEnergy is offering 630p a share. Northern reckons its

shareholders should get £7.00 a pop. The market is going for something in between — though quite a tranche of Northern shareholders have already voted with their feet, allowing CalEnergy to buy al-most 13 per cent of its target

lichergy is putting forward might be thought cheap. It amounts to around 10 times earnings, compared with the up to 14-times earnings paid for others in the sector. On the other hand, North-

not been slow to remind investors, the sector is likely to face a windfall tax if Labour wins the next election. Shadow Chancellor Gordon Brown may feel flattered that

the folks from Omaha reckon the sector can take a windfall tax and still be worth buying. but CalEnergy are unlikely to have overlooked the fact that, in the short run at least; it is also a bandy way of keeping the price down.

lips over another profitable bid battle, the shadow of uncertainty again looms over the utilities sector. If Northlast) regional electricity company to have been taken over since privatisation. Only four have not changed hands. Market forces are one thing, in-

Telecoms target

-ELECOM companies are expecting easy pickings in Germany as Deutsche Telekom struggies to adapt to a competitive market. Deut-sche Telekom's chief executive Ron Sommer disagrees.

Dr Sommer, in London yes terday for one of the privati-sation roadshows, reckons his company is fitter and leaner than it was, for example, six years ago. The group has nearly completed the

Omaha's shadow falls on Northern



Edited by Mark Milner

dried on Trade and In-dustry minister Ian Lang's decision to block the rival bids for South West Water than the utilities sector is on all-out bid alert.

Not for the first time, the impetus has come from the United States, CalEnergy from Omaha, Nebraska, has come out with a £766 million bid for Northern Electric, once wooed but not won by

ulator Offer might yet have a

through the market. On one hand, the price Ca-

ern has a pretty hefty debt level and, as CalEnegry has

But while the City licks its

stability another.

costly modernisation of its network, already faced com-petition in 25 per cent of its

rivals, such as British Telecom, are already running off to the regulator or the au-thorities in Brussels for help. Dr Sommer dismisses ar guements that the group is overmanned and will have difficulty reducing its workforce. It already has a deal to cut the workforce to 170,000 by the year 2000. From then on, he said later, the best way of delivering shareholder value will probably involve more rather than fewer jobs. Such a view makes a refreshing change for those to whom the words shareholder value translate directly into job losses. Nonetheless, the task ahead is likely to be as task ahead is likely to be as tough, if not tougher, than that already completed. The telecom industry is changing rapidly, and few are confident about its likely structure by the millennium. Last week should just he milennium. showed just how quickly things can change. Cable & Wireless, seemingly down and out after failing to merge with BT, transformed itself with a bold and unexpected

its tariffs. Indeed, such has been its success that would-be

Dr Sommer takes pride in Deutsche Telekom as the world's largest full-service te-lecom company, offering everything from telephone services to cable entertain-ment. There are no guarantees, however, that in a fast-moving industry full service will be the right model for the

deal with leading UK cable

State sell-offs

INTERNATIONAL investors are expected to buy around a third of the shares in next month's Deutsche Telekom privatisation. The exercise will cost them around DM5 billion. Buying the marks to fund their Telekom purchases should be absorbed readily enough by the foreign exchanges, where the mark is heavily traded.

But Germany is not the only country selling off sub-stantial tranches of the stateowned sector. In some cases. such sales will be very helpful in making their respective budgetary sums add up to the totals laid down in the Maa tricht treaty as those needed for monetary union.

The snag for some countries is that foreign investment, through privatisa-tion purchases, could bring a sufficient flow of funds into their respective currencies to start pushing up their values on the foreign exchanges to levels which might subsequently prove unsustainable. It would be ironic if one of the means of meeting the deficit requirement were to undermine the reason for doing so.

Injuries index

ORGET profits, price earnings and free cash flows. New financial measures are needed, such as an injury index. It is no joke. Manchester United's recent slump in form has been mir-rored by the shares and left investors anxious for news of Gary Pallister's back or Nicky Butt's knee.

Gates unveils plans for cheaper PCs

ICROSOFT, the computer software group, moved agby cheap computing de-vices known as network and more user-friendly per-sonal computer.

The move marked the latest U-turn by Bill Gates, the chairman of Microsoft, who had previously underesti-mated the threat posed by the Internet. Only a year ago, Microsoft dismissed

and programs that can make it frustrating to use. An NC has scant storage and memory; a strippeddown machine, it retrieves software from the Internet The NC looms as a dan-gerous threat to Microsoft

overloaded with features

ecause, since Apple's Macintosh faded, it is the first clear, widely supported al-ternative to the "Wintel"-standard PCs based on Windows software and Intel

Lawrence Ellison, chairman of data-base software company Oracle, believes that by 2000 more NCs will be sold than PCs. Oracle and Netscape, the Internet browser company, yester-day announced an alliance in which Netscape products will be bundled with NCs based on an Oracle operating system.

type products for less than \$1,000 (£620), about half the current price of PCs.

The NC's biggest selling point is simplicity, whereas the PC is expensive and ing system. In response to the growing NC challenge, Microsoft is proposing a general technical definition for the new machines, known as a reference platform.

end Mark Milner

HE Bank of England will shrug off the pound's recent rapid rise and renew its call for an immediate increase in interest rates when the governor, Eddie George, meets the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke,

the most important since May 1995, when Mr Clarke rejected the Bank's advice to increase cally risky.

- It shrugged off a fall to DM 2.41 last week to rebound to current levels — makes it

easier for the Chancellor to resist the Bank. Mr Clarke is already starting to receive letters from big UK exporters cheaper, helping to keep infla-

In the last set of published

argue that the strength of sterling reflects the underlying health of the UK economy and will make it easier for the

Government to deliver both growth and low inflation. Mr Clarke will use a Commons

debate tomorrow afternoon to what to do in other markets," insist that Britain's economic | according to Tony Norfield, at prospects are better now than ABN AMRO in London.



Devid Fairheil

RGENTINA failed yes A terday to win a licence to explore for oil off the Falklands and will have to wait at least another two years before it can claim a share in an area geologists believe could rival the North

geologists believe could be the world's next oil bonanza began yesterday when the first licences were awarded to consortia led by Amerada Hess, Shell and Lasmo.

YPF, widely expected to win one of the exploration and production because it is a second to other politically," said Andrew Gurr, chief executive of the Faikland Islands government. "but comment nership with British Gas, was squeezed out on "commercial" grounds. It was the only bidder to be excluded from the licence round.

float windfall

BOUT 2.4 million Alli-

ance & Leicester mem-bers will each receive

250 shares worth about £1,000

when Britain's fourth-biggest

building society floats on the stock market next year.

Savers and borrowers will be eligible for the free shares,

estimated to be worth between 385p and 435p each, provided that they have held an account

since December 31 last year and had at least £100 in a share

account on October 14 this year or have an outstanding

mortgage debt of at least £100, the society said. Members with both a mort-

gage and savings account will qualify for two lots of shares.

Alliance & Leicester has scheduled its flotation for the

second quarter of next year, when the Halifax and Wool-

wich also plan to convert to

banks. The terms of yester-day's share offer put a market

value of £2.4 billion £2.8 billion

on the society. Chairman Simon Everard

flat-rate £1,000



Islands in the stream . . . resources off Falklands could rival North Sea officials but Argantina's licence to drill has been deferred PHOTOGRAPH: MURDO MACLEOD | eighth (but doubtless not the

so much to offer politically," | "Area of Special Co-opera-said Andrew Gurr, chief exec-utive of the Faikland Islands | a joint inter-governmental cially, it was not sufficiently

Unless the Argentinian company can buy into one of the successful consortia. e licence round. therefore, it must now wait we would have liked YPF until 1998, when licences will

members to unlock the value of their membership and for

our customers to benefit from

a broader range of high-quality personal financial services

into the next century".

But Alliance & Leicester's

decision to allocate an equal number of shares to all members is likely to upset some longer-term savers. In most earlier conversions, handouts were linked to the size and term of a saver's account.

A spokesman said the soci-ety had decided on a flat pay-ment — even though this means "carpet-baggers" will receive the same reward as a

member who has been with Al-liance & Laicester for 20 years.

10. Alliance & Leicester needs

a 75 per cent majority from at least 20 per cent of savers and a simple majority from bor-

rowers to go ahead with the

declaration from London and

Mr Gurr described yester-day's awards as 'probably the biggest single step in the is-lands' history since January 14, 1982', when the invadion 14, 1982", when the invading Argentinian forces surrento be involved because it has probably be issued for the dered. But he feared the 2,200

AHARD-UP tax inspec-tor's lifestyle soared to extravagant spending on

cars, entertainment and holi-

days after he allegedly started accepting bribes from wealthy businessmen he was

wealthy husinessmen he was investigating, the Old Bailey was told yesterday. Michael Alicock was also given pocket money to spend during a night out at a Monte Carlo casino but at a Beance

Carlo casino by a Lebanes

businessman who owed Brit-

ain thousands of pounds in

taxes, according to John

Rlack, prosecuting.

Mr Allcock was in charge of
a special office at the Inland

wells produced. If oil was not found in com-mercial quantities, their

islanders faced problems | Amerada Hess (Falkland Is-whatever the exploratory lands) Ltd; Fina Exploration Atlantic BV; Murphy South Atlantic Oli Company; Tei-koku Oli Co Ltd; Argos Evergreen Ltd; Shell Exploration BV; Agip Exploration BV; Lasmo International Ltd; Clyde Expro; Desire Petro-leum Ltd; International Petrotroying their way of life. | leum Corporation; and Sands The successful firms were: | Petroleum AB.

Detailed seismic investiga-tion will begin almost imme-diately in seven areas allocated to the north of the islands, where the sea is relatively shallow at 100 to 200

metres.

The first wells should be drilled by the end of next year, depending on the availability of specialised semi-submersible rigs.

Alliance offers | Taxman 'went on casino spree' Revenue, dubbed "The Ghost-busters", whose role was to rake in taxes owed by "individuals of extreme wealth".

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But he was corrupted busters as a second-hand Jaguar and sent his son to a private agreed a \$50,000 tax settle-second busters.

But he was corrupted "by and sent his son to a private school. Other colleagues noticed Mr Allcock spent a lot on holidays, clothes and entertaining. Mr Allcock implied he had that in the mid-eighties Mr Allcock seemed hard up. lived sentatives in London, but suddenly asked if it could be made abroad. He flew to Nice where, at the expense of Mr Kalo, his hotel bill was paid. He was wined and dined, and taken to a Monte Carlo casino where He was in charge of a

agreed a \$50,000 tax settle-ment with Mr Kalo's repre-

he and a junior colleague were given about \$200 worth of chips, Mr Black said.

Mr Allcock, aged 47, from Colchester, Essex, denies 13 charges of corruption between 1997 and 1997 special investigation into Marwan Kalo, who had invested in the eighties in the

He changed his car for a better model, bought a second one and had a lot of work done on his house.

"He bought wine at £10 to pen", £300,000 of remittances tween 1987 and 1992. The case continues.

Germany insists on strict currency rules

He said wealthier savers were "generally rewarded by a higher rate of interest on their Members will be asked for their approval of the conversion plans at a meeting at the London Arena on December

the single currency club, and then conclude a pact with the "ins", bypassing the EU framework and locking the non-single-currency EU countries out of the decision-taking.

'If the stability pact is watered down, the government will halt co-operation."

Mr Stark said.

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"A one-off result, possibly due to random events, must not be decisive for single currency unalification." Mr Stark said.

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Despite spending cuts that have brought wildcat strikes and street demonstrations.

yesterday.

Jürgen Stark, the finance ministry number two, said Germany could walk out of the EU negotiations, wait until early 1998, when it is decreed who passes muster for superscript ing. In the dash to meet the superscript of the EU negotiations, wait until early 1998, when it is decreed who passes muster for superscript ing. In the dash to meet the superscript of the EU negotiations, wait until early 1998, when it is decreed who passes muster for superscript ing. In the dash to meet the superscript coalition is beset by trench warfare over this year's and next year.

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The ultimatum raised the ante in the current brinkmanship over who will qualify for the single currency club and how the club rules will operate after the launch in 1999.

Mr Stark criticised last month's stability pact proposals from the European Com-

and street demonstrations, there is still a gap of at least DM4 billion (£1.7 billion) in

single currency celling of 3 per cent — although Mr Stark said the deficit would come down to 2.5 per cent

Minister threatens to guit EU talks and make separate deal, writes lan Traynor

ERMANY will quit the European Union nego-tiations on a single currency "stability pact" unless the deal satisfies its insistence on fiscal rigour and penalties, a senior govern-ment official warned

Allcock seemed hard up, lived

in a modest house and drove an older car. "But then in 1987-1988 he seemed to have more money.

next year's budget sums. The budget deficit this year is expected to rise to at least 4 per cent of gross domestic product — well above the

Mark Tran in New York

gressively yesterday to thwart the challenge posed computers, by unveiling plans for an inexpensive

network computers (NCs) as "dumb terminals" and the "silliest idea since the stand-alone word processor". But the NC concept is winning big-name advo-cates such as IBM and Compaq, which have committed themselves to making NC-

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Analysts say target of US firm's £766m offer is likely to seek white knight as takeover fever returns to sector. Chris Barrie reports

Northern Electric raider faces battle

AKEOVER fever reig-nited yesterday in the electricity industry in the wake of CalEn-£766 million offer for North

incide with the bid announce-ment, CalEnergy snapped up 12.7 per cent of Northern's shares at about 630p a share. The raid, carried out on behalf of CE Electric UK -- the British company formed by CalEnergy for the takeover forced Northern shares above the offer price of 630p to 651p. CalEnergy is also offering 103p for each preference

share. There is a loan-note alternative. Analysts said the market was expecting CalEnergy to raise its offer, and that Northern may seek a white knight. Other US companies have

in buying UK electricity firms But one City source also pointed out that the likelihood of the bid being referred to the Monopolies and Merg-ers Commission was higher

than in the past. Warning that the market might be overcocky about the bid, he suggested that the in-dustry regulator. Professor Stephen Littlechild, could ask for a referral on the grounds that he is running out of independent electricity companies against which he can make comparisons when assessing

He added: "This is a supersensitive time politically. Littlechild could give [Trade and Industry Secretary) Ian

Offer, the regulatory body, declined to comment, saying that Prof Littlechild's advice Northern Electric

try Secretary — was confiden-tial.

the City that the bidders were known. Describing CalEnergy and its construction industry

electricity company still But CalEnergy chairman and chief executive David Sokol said Northern had been

Friendly society may provide members with cut-price power

FAMILY Assurance, one | Chambers said Family Asof Britain's largest | surance was ideally placed friendly societies, said yes-terday it was considering supplying electricity to its 600,000 members as it un-veiled a tie-up with North-ern Electric to help people pay their bills, writes Richard Miles.

The mutual friendly society said it was "investigat-ing the possibilities" of providing electricity at a discounted rate to members most of whom are savers sector is opened up to competition in April 1998.

to offer cheaper electricity because of its buying capacity, administrative and technological expertise, and low operating

was the cheapest regional

"Family believes that mu-tuality should be of direct benefit to its members." Family announced a joint marketing venture with mote a tax-free investment

plan that will allow people to save for future energy bills. Called Energy formation following the com-pany's battle to defend itself

Mr Sokol said CalEnergy had been looking for a UK acto complement its existing overseas businesses in Indo-

Northern's expertise in dis-tributing and supplying electricity could be used else-where as the global market for electricity becomes deregulated. The power market was five times bigger than

Acknowledging that the Sokol said \$500 million would come from the group's own funds, with a similar amount being provided from a loan led by Credit Suisse. Although Northern's job-

cutting programme would continue under CalEnergy ownership — 15 per cent of staff are to go in the distribu tion business by the year 2000 — Mr Sokol painted a picture of long-term growth rather than cost-cutting.

tional management in place, he said: "Sometimes US sitive to local cultures." In the Philippines, the company employed six expatriates and 294 locals, he said.

Calknergy also operates in California, New York and Texas. The construction firm Peter Kiewit Sons owns 33 per

resented much the same value as Trafalgar House's offer in December 1994 of £10.50 a share, once Northern's hefty dividends paid to



House price rises offer no hope 2006 forecast says 'no increase in full-time jobs' to hard core in negative equity

Bursh Ryle and

OPES that soaring house prices will kill tive equity were denied terday as it emerged that mortgage lending by Britain's major banks slowed last

Mortgage lenders admitted that the figures were unex-pected, but they dismissed fears of the housing recovery being permanently stalled be-cause prices have been artificially boosted by a shortage of properties on the market.

City analysts believe prices will continue to rise, but that will not be enough to save the hard core of people left with negative equity after the 1980s

Figures from the British period a year ago.

per cent down on the August figure. The seasonally adjusted fig-

rise of £417 million in Septem ber against £607 million the previous month. Although new approvals.

used as a guide to future lending, were also down by 3.1 per cent in both quantity and value, BBA director general Tim Sweeney said: "It would be a mistake to read too much into a single month's

The Nationwide Building Society Housing Finance Review, published yesterday, showed prices in the three months to the end of September were 9 per cent higher compared with the same

The revival has, in the past ures for net lending showed a nine months, more than market will remain in negaaccording to the latest research by UBS. Some 184,000 households es-

caped the negative-equity trap during the third quarter of 1996. This leaves 594,000 homes still affected, down from 1,323,000 in the fourth quarter of last year and 1.2 million below the peak of

the first quarter of 1993. The total value of negative equity in the UK fell by £700 million to £2.5 billion in the third quarter.

UBS forecast another one

Bankers' Association showed | Nationwide said prices | 10 per cent rise in 1997, cut-overall mortgage lending last | would rise by 7 per cent this | 10 per cent rise in 1997, cut-ting negative equity to 90,000 month was £2,431 million, 12 | year, with bigger gains likely | households.

The report warned that a core of up to 50,000 house-holds at the bottom end of the halved the number of house- | tive equity, regardless of holds with negative equity price rises over the next few years. An additional 1.9 mil-lion homeowners have insufficient equity - less than

25,000 net equity in their property—to move house.

Its author, Rob Thomas, sald: "This segment of the market is still the most sluggish, and many of those affected from the property of the segment of fected face the prospect of negative equity for a number of years to come.
"Even if our forecast of a

33 per cent increase in house prices over the next four years is right, it still won't be per cent rise in house prices enough to release all these by the end of this year, and a people from negative equity."

lion jobs likely to be created over the next greater self-employment. with the other half coming from further growth in the cording to a forecast pub-

consultants The next decade will also see a rise of 400.000 in the number of managers, the report says, while clerical jobs will be squeezed by

new technology. Based on a detailed breakdown of sectoral trends and commissioned the Education and Emlion to 27 million. But it forecasts almost no

net increase in full-time 131,000 in the number of registered unemployed benefit claimants, to 1,990,000,

over the next 10 years.
"The fastest rises in employment overall will be for ployment Department, the professional workers such expected to account for lished today by economics | Business Strategies report | as lawyers, accountants | two-thirds of the growth.

Business | expects total employment | and even doctors." said The report expects an additional 790,000 people to "opt for self-employment"

by 2006 — pushed by the scarcity of full-time jobs and the continuing trend to Of the 770,000 new lobs 94 per cent are forecast to be part-time, with women

First-time buyers at bottom of market feel brunt

into the next century are typically first-time home owners who bought "in the wrong regions at the wrong time",

writes Jill Papworth.
Worst hit are those who tom end of the market, such as converted studio and oneand ex-council properties, in people, particularly those cape options for severely af-the south of England during with smaller flats or cheap fected households are few.

East Anglia at the peak in the fourth quarter of 1988, for exfourth quarter of 1988, for ea-ample, paid an average of to sell because the utop ample, paid an average of house prices and mortgage house prices and mortgage rates means that today's gen-

THE HOUSEHOLDERS | the late 1980s property boom, | starter homes for which there doomed to stay trapped | according to the UBS report. | is now limited demand, are a property boom, | starter homes for which there is now limited demand, are a lot worse off than that," says Rob Thomas. Smaller properties are hard

values would have to rise by eration of first-time buyers can afford two or three bedroom negative equity.

"These are average figures for the region, so some rung," Mr Thomas says. Especially negative to the region of the reg

slow process of saving their way out of negative equity. Depending on the way your lender calculates mortgage interest, the best way to do this can be to increase your monthly repayments.

by agreeing to transfer the negative equity shortfall to a second mortgage on a new property for existing borrow-ers with clean repayment

minimum guaranteed annual bonus rate

News in brief

Air France's riposte to BA

AIR France yesterday threatened to thwart British Airways' chances of consolidating its foothold in France by signalling a readi-ness to buy the troubled do-mestic airline Air Outre Mer, writes Keith Harper. Christian Blanc, chairman of Air France, said this would

be one way to offset increased competition on French routes if BA succeeds in buying Air Liberte, another ailing French carrier, which has debts of £300 million.

BA and its French subsid-

iary, TAT, expect a decision tomorrow on whether they have succeeded in their bid for Air Liberte, which has 12 per cent of the French domestic market.

A commercial court will decide whether Air Liberte should be liquidated or offered to outside bidders which include Richard Branson's Virgin Express as well

Joining forces with Air Li-France's 37 per cent.

Banks taken to task

OUR out of five of the UK's small and medium-sized businesses about giving financial adbelieve they are getting poor financial advice from their banks, according to a survey published today by accountancy firm Arthur Andersen, writes Pauline

Richard Young, a partner with Andersen subsidiary Binder Hamlyn, says the high level of dissatisfaction is evidence of an expecta-tion gap between banks and their clients. He explains called expectation gap.

their normal service.

Jim Redman, a spokes-man for the lobby group, the Forum of Private Business, is not surprised by the survey. There is a willing-ness on the part of banks to understand their customers," he says, but adds that

The announcement was

made following the Depart-

ment of Trade and Industry's

consultation on laws protect-

ing credit card users. Under

Credit card protection stays

HE Government yester-day rejected advice from the Office of Fair Trading to reduce the liability of credit card issuers when reimbursing customers for defective current law, shoppers can goods or services, writes Lina claim losses back from either

the retailer or the credit card Instead it announced that issuer. Robin Simpson, acting protection to consumers who director of the National Conberté would give TAT 22 per use credit cards would sumer Council, welcomed the tion has not earmarked the cent of landing slots at Orly remain the joint responsi- announcement, claiming \$1 billion, analysts believe it airport in Paris, against Air billity of the card issuer and credit card companies rou is destined to bolster the tinely "fobbed off" customers. | group's digital TV expansion. the retailer.

Murdoch in \$1bn delay

UPERT MURDOCH'S News Corporation has delayed about giving financial advice, but the banks tend not plans to raise \$1 billion (1620 million) in cash against its 40 per cent holding in BSkyB, writes Lisa Buckingham.

Analysts said the move was to allow the market price of the satellite grown to stable.

the satellite operator to stabi lise and improve after first-quarter figures, to be announced on day. Shares in BSkyB slumped

by 14 per cent to 593p last week after the Murdoch plan to offer exchangeable prefer-ence shares in the TV group appeared to signal that the tycoon thought BSkyB's shares had reached a medium-term peak. The delay will allow BSkyB's price to settle or

make some gains — shares rose 5p to 597½p yesterday. There was a danger that stock market rules might be breached if terms of the \$1 billion convertible issue were announced in the run-up. Although News Corpora-

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Darley loses out as Savill cuts back

Ron Cox

ETER Savill, currently Britain's second biggest individual racehorse owner, will not be retaining Kevin Darley next year as a result of his decision to dras-tically reduce his string in Britain

Darley, who has ridden over 100 winners for the past four seasons, and multi-millionaire Savill are ending a seven-year association which hit the headlines when Celtic Swing ran away with the Racing Post Trophy two years

Darley, in action at Leicester yesterday, where he won on the John Dunlop-trained Masehaab, said: 'I won't be retained by Peter Savill next season. It was a bit of a shock but he explained that it was really just because he is cut-

anybody."
Darley has been linked with the Dunlop stable at Arundel and Lady Herries at nearby Angmering in Sussex. Nothing has been confirmed, but I gather Darley has put his house in Sheriff Hutton, Yorkshire, on the market.
"Peter and I have had seven very good years and 265 win-

very good years and 265 win-ners. What better highlight ners. What better highlight could you have than winning the French Derby?" added Darley, referring to Celtic Swing's victory at Chantilly.

Darley's partnership with Savill flourished on the cor-nerstones of mutual respect. Savill once said: "We have developed a close relationship. What attracted me to Kevin was as a person he's very likeable, not big-headed, intelligent and honest."

Darley, who began his career with Reg Hollinshead,

Tizzard to solve the Enigma

IRM ground has mevita-bly taken its toll on Cheltenham's first meeting of the season today, but that should not hinder Childhay Chocolate and promising young amateur rider Joe Tizzard in the Enigma Nightclub Handicap

Chase, writes Ron Cox. Just 16 years of age, Tizzard notched his first success under Rules outside of hunter-chases when successful on Coolree at Ludlow last

week.
He is highly regarded by Coolree's trainer Paul Nicholls, who saddled Childhay Chocolate to win three chases last season, all on fastish

jump the final fence at Uttox- out.

with Childhay Chocolate eter on his reappearance. Childhay Chocolate (4.00) had performed creditably to match strides with eventual

winner McGregor The Third until tiring from four out. He

will be fitter today and this is a lot less competitive. Eighteen-runner handicaps on the Flat are well nigh im-possible at this time of year, but Best Of All (4.15) does appear to hold a sound chance in just such a contest at

Jack Berry's filly has come tumbling down the weights and, blinkered for the first time, ran really well when fifth behind her stable comround.

Although be refused to large field at York last time

"It leaves me freelance and I will ride for him whenever I ing northern-based jockey along with Kieren Fallon, who goes south to ride for Henry Cecil next year, and

The jockey was sympa-thetic to Savill's decision to slash his string in Britain from 50 to 30 horses. He has been more involved with the Racehorse Owners' Association and is more aware of costs than ever before," he said.

"He has put so much in over the years and I think he is a bit downhearted about the game."
Savili revealed that he is

trimming his operation bepay. He insists that prize money levels in Britain are so poor he cannot afford to sustain his current commitment, rightly condemning the fact that just 1.25 per cent of bet-ting turnover is returned to the sport.

His decision will affect several trainers in different parts of the country as he has a habit of spreading his horses

around.

Pilsudski, winner of the Breeders Cup Turf, gained another notable triumph yesterday — an invitation to the prestigious Japan Cup.

This sets up the possibility of another clash with Helissio. Who slammed Pilsudski

sio, who slammed Pilsudksi in the Arc. The French colt, plus Halling and Pentire, were the other European horses selected for the race in Tokyo on November 24.
"It would be something

special if all four of the Euro-

pean horses we have invited were able to run." said Japan Racing Association representative Shiro Ando. "They have four days to decide whether they want to take up the invitation. If they don't accept, others will be of-

fered a place though I am not in a position to give names."

Sack race . . . the St Louis Rams quarterback Tony Banks gets hit by Donny Brady of the Ravens in an error-strewn game in Baltimore

Cowboys polish off Johnson's Dolphins

Mark Tran in New York

HE clash between the Miami Dolphins and the Dallas Cowboys was a grudge match made in PR neaven. It pitted against each other two of the most nakedly competitive men in pro football: Jimmy Johnson, the Dolphins coach, and Jerry Jones, the owner of the Cowboys.

Jones dumped Johnson as coach two years ago, replacing him with Barry Switzer, and the world has been waiting ever since for the collision between them. More than 75,000 fans, the biggest

Before the players took the field, Pastor Dr Lee Drake thanked the Lord for the return of Dan Marino, his first appearance in four games after an ankle injury, and asked for divine

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intervention. Pastor Drake's pleas were spurned as the Cowboys won 29-10 in a lopsided contest. The drama occurred off the field in a spat between Swit-

zer and Jones. With the game drawing to a close, the Cowboys had the chance to score a meaningless

usually avoid. But Jones was all for it, egging Switzer to run up the score. Switzer would have none of it. Troy Alkman, the Cowboys quar-terback, simply kneeled after

"I'm the coach, he's the out with Johnson.

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Hill favourite

AWKSLEY HILL, impressive winner at Newmarket recently, is 5-1 favourite with the sponsors to make a winning return there on Sat-urday in the Ladbroke



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Venables eyes Blackburn job

Martin Thorpe

understood to be considering becoming Blackburn Rovers new manager. It is unclear whether the former England coach has been offered the job but he is believed to have met when he was sounded out about his interest in the £300,000-a-year post.

It had been widely thought that Venables, currently di-rector of football at Ports-mouth, would not be interested in a move away from his southern base.

cally refused to rule out going north, saying of the Blackburn possibility: "I've always said I'll keep my options open Venables is eager to return

■ICK BARMBY could be

after the club said vesterday that they had yet to receive

an offer for the occasional

"We're not trying to push Nick out of the club," his

manager Bryan Robson em-phasised. "We haven't had an

offer yet. Nick could still

for Barmby, £750,000 more than they paid Tottenham

last year. Everton and Liver-

pool are among the clubs in-terested but Robson said:

There have been a few inqui-

ries but nothing firm. We will

only sell for what we consider

Boro's neighbours Sunder-

Pallister and Butt likely

to miss Fenerbahce return

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been disrupted by worrying

knee injuries to Gary Pallis-

the defender and midfielder as "very doubtful" for a game

in which victory will almost

certainly guarantee United a

place in the quarter-(inals of

Pallister was substituted at half-time in Saturday's 6-3 de-

feat at Southampton after a

recurrence of the knee injury that has troubled the central

defender for almost two

months. Butt received a kick

on the knee and limped out of

the game after only 17

minutes. Ferguson admits a dilemma

about Pallister, saying: "His

injury is something that will

just not go away. He has prob-

Ferguson described both

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Mark Redding

England striker.

force. He recently rejected the

mainly for that reason. So, despite never having worked north of White Hart Lane, he is being tempted by the chance to spend £25 million to build his own Blackburn team, courtesy of the club owner Jack Walker's £360 million personal fortune. Few such jobs will come

cially in the south where two of the biggest clubs - Arsenal and Chelsea — have secure managers, while Tottenham is out of the question even if Gerry Francis's job was on the line, which it is not.

So Venables must decide whether he can afford to let the opportunity pass. He once worked in Barcelona, so a move to the north of England may not be such a problem. He still has legal cases to fight but Blackburn are un-

Boro keep hold of Barmby

the top flight are usually allowed to bring in loan play-

Sunderland were considered a special case as they have an injury crisis after

five places at Southampton on October 19. "We've been

given special clearance but it's still hard to bring a keep-er in because clubs need them

manager Paul Bracewell said. Aston Villa also have a goal-

keeping problem after Mark Bosnich injured himself dur-

ing Saturday's 1-0 defeat at

Roker Park. The Australian

will be out for at least four

Police are investigating

weeks after a knee operation.

complaints that the Manches

ter United midfielder David

Beckham made an obscene gesture during his side's 6-3

Ken Bates, the Chelsea

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who arrived yesterday with a 20-man squad, have their own

injury problems. Their Dan-

garian striker Emil Kosta-dinov and the midfielder

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Nevertheless Fenerbahce

are predicting they will do

European competition — win at Old Trafford.

Sen said: "We are going to put

on an incredible performance

... ali Turks are going to go

out on the streets in celebra

tion on Wednesday night."

Fenerbahce's chairman Ali

The Turkish champions,

efeat at Southampton.

ers only from lower divisions

to replace Ray Harford with someone they believe is the best manager for the job after England's success in Euro 96. Venables would certainly

rovide Blackburn with the high-profile presence needed to regalvanise a club sitting at the bottom of the Premier ship after the heady years Walker is now determine to re-adopt the "money is no

super-stadium and Rovers into Premiership champions. The club's chairman Rober Coar has already dismissed speculation that Dalglish may return as manager. There's no chance of Kenny coming

formed Ewood Park into a

back," he says.

If Venables rejects Blackburn, they would turn to candidates such as Sheffield United's Howard Kendall, the QPR No. 3 Bruce Rioch and the out-of-work former Leeds

opment of Stamford Bridge.
"We do have other loans and

are continually talking to people who want to be part of

Third Division Leyton Orient, who are 17th in the table

have sacked their manager Pat Holland. Their veteran centre-half Alvin Martin, 38,

The Nottingham Forest goalkeeper Tommy Wright,

currently on loan to Reading

and who considered retire

ment during a battle agains

injury, has been called into Northern Ireland's squad for

the World Cup qualifier in Germany on November 9. "This is a dream," he said.

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is favourite to succeed him.



Chic radical on Newcastle's left

Michael Walker finds a resurgent David Ginola committed to overturning Ferencyaros' 3-2 lead in tonight's Uefa Cup return leg

it because he is handsome or is it because he is an exceptional footballer? Whatever the explanation. everyone wants a piece of David Ginola. To spend an hour in his company yester-day was to witness this: a graph there, a nod, a wink, any kind of recognition does.

istied by this and break into his house or lurk outside it waiting for a word. As he said: "It could make you Privacy, one quickly dis-

covers, is a big deal to Ginola. The lack of it in English society and the intrusiveness of the media is a subject the about, "I can understand the reason behind why people burgle houses — but then for them to wreck the place?" he aid with anguish. "What is this fucking mentality?"

It is a situation that has led Ginola to sympathise with Princess Diana's media treat-ment. "One person I like is Lady Di," he said. "She seems like a good person. But they have all these pictures of her supposedly with other men. But you have to respect her

privacy, you have to respect her as a mum with children." Ginola's defence of the a little surprising as seconds earlier the Frenchman's cluded a demolition of the Princess's former mother-inwho doesn't work, doesn't pay tax and has the greatest for-

neath his black and white tude towards his fame and his wealth is reassuringly

happy without money but that's wrong. There are two

'We live in a world where people use money the

shopping with my wife but I can't do that in Newcastle because everywhere I go I have to sign autographs. So my wife has to do everything and that's boring for her. It's eas-It has also become easier on

the pitch since Ginola's Keegan. Since the arrival of Alan Shearer the Frenchman had felt overwhelmed by dehis natural inclinations. But, released from some defend-

defending too much compared to last year. He understands me and since the Man United comfortable. "It's good to be able to talk

different. In Paris I could go | don't enjoy it.' I thought I was

to him [Keegan] but not too much. I must respect him as my manager.

extended to the Barcelona ep sode during the summer. Bar-celona displayed an interest transfer never happened. But said Ginola, Keegan under cause he's been in that position himself".

A move, he said, may come pledged to playing for New castle in England, and in when Newcastle face Ferencvaros in the return leg of the Uefa Cup tie.

ter-skelter game in Budapest a fortnight ago and tonight's e at St James' Park is cru-

cial to Ginola. "We must win," he said.

"Europe is the best thing. I'm not saying that a season with-out European football is bor-ing because it's not, and it's good to see so much passion in the fans here, not like in France. I'm very impressed by that but Europe is differ said to the manager. You ent, exotic. Not unlike David can't get the best from me if I Ginola.

tune in the world, then you not have money, and that ing, Ginola's form has have the workers," he said be makes them unequal. "If you respect money you

wrong way. In England that is very apparent'

image of England all over the world."

Admittedly watching from behind his own privileged, frosted windows, in the 15 months since his switch from Paris to Tyneside Ginola has noted the gulf between the haves and the have-nots in England and is well enough acquainted with the moral panic sweeping the nation to sit on Labour's front bench.

That is not to say the New-

castle forward sports an

people but we live in a world where people use money the wrong way. In England that is

very apparent." Having said all that, Ginola insists he is not unsettled either in Newcastle or in England; that, he says, is a popular misconception. "There are too many wrong stories. I am not unhappy, my wife is not unhappy, she lives here

"Paris and Newcastle are

and not in France and I have enough friends.

chester United was a defining moment for him. 'My confidence returned a

bit. We have a different way since the club bought Alan Shearer. I have to play more in midfield but that's all we've changed. I think I've found my right place - at one stage I lost my view of my proper role.
'I tried to help defend but

I will always be a striker. I said to the manager. You

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The Guardian CINTERACTIVE

Rangers minus a whole team to face the ALEX FERGUSON's plan-ning for Manchester Unit-ed's Champions League return with Fenerbahce at Old Trafford tomorrow has might of Ajax

F THERE is such a thing as consolation for a club successive defeats in the Champions League - leaving them pointless and poundless — it is to be found in Rangers' ticket sales for tomorrow's match with Ajax at Ibrox.
By yesterday afternoon they had sold more than

what no visitors have done to 41,000, a figure that has United in their 40 years of much to do with the pulling power of the Dutch champions. It is already 4,000 more than attended the last home game, the 2-1 defeat by Auxerre of France. when the Scottish champions still had a chance of qualifying for the European Cup quarter-finals. Now, following their 4-1 thumping in Amsterdam 13 days ago, the prospect of another defeat looms as the manager Walter Smith tries gamely to stitch together a team from the remnants of his squad. Hit by injury and suspension, Smith's pool is being replenished by inexperi-

enced youngsters.
With Gascoigne, Gough, Cleland and Moore suspended and McCoist. Durie McLaren, Goram, Ferguson and McCall unfit — as well as a doubt over the Dutch

Smith is perplexed.

He will play the 20-year-old Greg Shields at right-back and the bench will be manned by teenagers such as Steven Boyack, lain Nicolson, Michael Rae and Scott Wilson. Ajax arrived in Glasgow

yesterday fresh from Sunday's 4-1 victory over Vitesse Arnhem but with problems of their own. The Portuguese striker Dani is not with them while the wingers Marc Overmars and Tijani Babangida, Rangers' tormentors-in-chief in Amsterdam, and the defender Winston Bogarde are injury doubts.

Aberdeen will be in similar straits to Rangers in Copenhagen tonight where they face Brondby, who won the first leg 2-0, in the return of their Uefa Cup tie. news of injuries to Kim Vilfort and John Jensen that are likely to keep both out of the Broadby side.

Aberdeen have doubts about the central defender Inglis, and with Kombouare ineligible, the manager Roy Aitken will turn to McKimmie and the Bulgari-ans Tzvetanov and Kirlakov, who can play anywhere in the back line.

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Storm struck by penalties

Vic Batchelder

HE Manchester Storm Coach John Lawless voiced his concern at the number of needless penalties his players are taking after the team slid to their second Superleague defeat of the weekend. Following Satur-day's 5-3 defeat in Newcastle they went down 7-3 at home to the leaders Sheffield Steelers on Sunday. Last Tuesday, in the Euro-

pean League game against Berlin, Brad Rubachuk was banished for 10 minutes after speaking out of turn to the referee and he repeated the performance against Sheffield after his team-mate Craig Woodcroft had verbally incurred the wrath of the refer-ee Andy Carson with an identical result. "Twenty minutes out of the game for key guys hurt us. At

eree's] call shouldn't have been made but, if you go to the ref, he's not going to change it and more likely you'll get put in the box."
Lawless said the club does not fine players in such instances but, if the team are to maintain a level of support which saw them set a new Su-perleague attendance record - 11,405 — for a second successive week, it is a move

Woodcroft's verbal indis-cretion followed Mike Morin receiving a triple minor (six minutes) for elbows and roughing in a clash with Nicky Chinn (four minutes). Coming three minutes after Frank Kovacs and David Longstaff, each with their second goal of the game, had put Sheffield 6-2 ahead when scoring within 36 seconds of each other early in the third period, the penalties ended

he should consider.

Sport in brief

Motor Sport The Jordan Formula One

driver Martin Brundle is to compete in a semi-works Ford Escort Cosworth in the RAC Rally which starts from Chester on November 23, writes Alan Henry.

Brundle, who earlier this year tested the Subaru Im-

preza of the outgoing world rally champion Colin McRae, is taking over an entry origi-nally made for his fellow F1 competitor Johnny Herbert who has since withdrawn. Michael Schumacher is al-most certain to stay at Ferrari

after his contract expires next year, according to the company president Luca di Montezernolo.

Squash

England's Cassie Jackman beat the world No. 1 Michelle this month and Jansher Khan fell to an Australian opponent for the second time this season in the semi-finals of the Tournament of Champions in New York.
The Pakistani world No. 1

went down 15-10, 15-7, 15-13 to the unseeded Craig Row-land. Jackman beat the Australian former world champion 9-2, 5-9, 10-8, 9-3. **Table Tennis**

Carl Prean's long quarrel with the English association is over. After an 18-month gap the former national champion will play for his country again in the European League match against Slovakia at Crewe on November 8, unites Richard Jago.

Prean had refused to play for England after complain-ing about the World Championships in China, where he almost came to blows with his team-mate Chen Xinhua. However Chen retired after the Olympics, and recent disagreements between Prean and the association have centred on the player's preference for playing in the lucraany hope of a Storm recovery. | tive German Bundesliga.

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England cap looks like a Shaw thing

Jill Turner meets the Bristol lock who is back in the frame after injury

NTIL the age of 21 the Bristol lock Simon Shaw had led a charmed life. Discovered as a schoolboy and lured off the soccer pitch by rugby coaches eager to utilise his off Sin frame, he wandered up the rankings to become a Great White Hope for the national side. His career enhanced by a season in New Zealand, he replaced an injured Martin Johnson during the 1994 tour of South Africa at only 20 and had high hopes of being included in last summer's World Cup squad.

Then disaster struck. Shaw all but wrecked his right knee turning out for England A against Italy in February 1995 and was out of action for six months. Only weeks into the next season, when he was being talked of for a first cap against Western Samoa in November, he fell when playing for Bristol against Transvaal, suffering a double ankle dislocation and fractured fibula on

his left leg. While he took another six months to recover from the surgery needed to rebuild his leg, the Newcastle lock Gar-ath Archer stepped into the England place that might have been Shaw's when the incumbent lock Martin Bay-

field was dropped. But, now injury-free and an sessions this year, Shaw is determined to win that cap. With Bayfield possibly out for the season with a pelvic problem, this could be his moment as England face Italy on No-

"Up till a few years ago I'd had a pretty charmed life -just sort of up, up, up," says Shaw. "Then came the injuries which set me back. Martin Johnson was No. 1, Martin Bayfield No. 2 and I was in the frame at three. But with me out and Bayfield not havath Archer leapfrogged in."

The modern demand for ethletic all-rounders on the park should help Shaw, who names the versatile All Black Colin Meads as his sporting haro, to achieve his ambition. Despite his great height and 20%-stone bulk he is mobile, treats his role almost like that of a loose forward and expects

lege he was spotted by the captain of the Dunedin Pirates, who suggested Shaw join him in Otago for a year.

were out running. "But what struck me most

was the way each player was totally multi-skilled and versatile. Forwards were ex-pected to have the hands and expected to get stuck in along with the forwards. I enjoyed that. I don't think I'd want to

ity makes him a different England prospect from Archer, who he believes is more of a traditional straight But, now injury-tree and an up and down player. It is this attendant at England training strength that the Bristol coach Alan Davies thinks will

has a lot more to offer and playing for England will bring that out of him."

who expects to see Shaw's name when the squad for the Italy game is announced next week. But the big man has earnt to leave matters in the hands of the gods.

rugby I was on the up and up from the beginning. I just drifted along and things hap-pened for me without me really thinking about them. But it was when I first started really wanting an England cap that everything started going wrong. Perhaps my guardian angel thought I was getting above myself and decided to take me down a peg.
"So this year I will just do

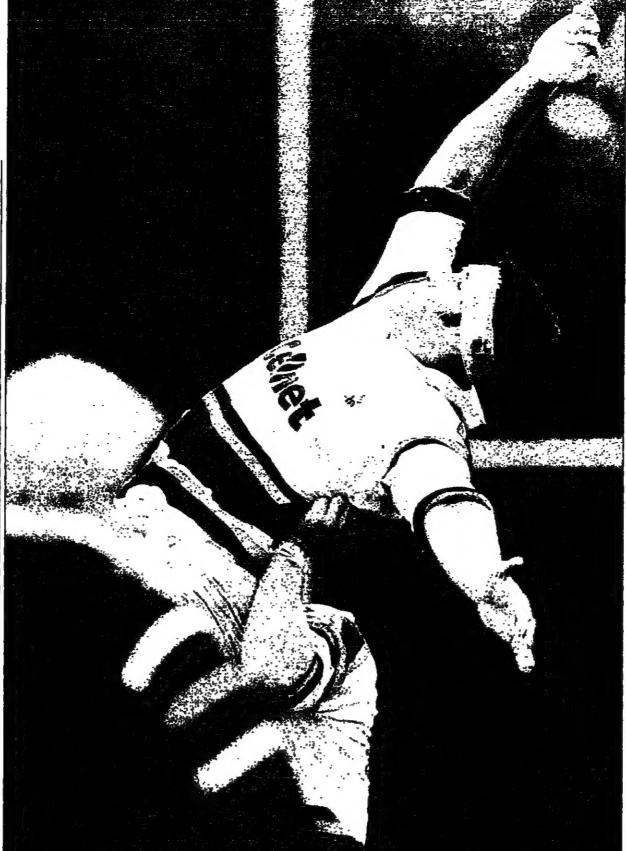
"It was the best launching pad I could have had. In the Otago league there were 10 or 15 of the All Blacks, so I was playing against people like Arran Pene, Mark Ellis, Steve Bachop and Jeff Wilson. It was a lot harder, a lot faster and professional in the atti-tude to training. You were expected to be there every eva-ning and fitness was monitored to the extent that the coach would drive around checking to see if his players

pace of a back and the backs play any more if I want to expected to jump in the lineout and push in the scrum.
"When I come off the pitch I will be disappointed if I

haven't run with the ball in hand or made some other contribution." Shaw expects to make such a contribution tonight when Bristol face their old adversaries Bath. His injury-hit team will need him, having never beaten Bath in a Courage League game and getting a 43-5 pasting the last time they met.
Shaw says his own versatil-

win that elusive cap.
"England are well off for locks," said Davies. "But he

"When I started playing



Reach for the cap . . . Simon Shaw, free at last from injury, is hoping for an England call next week

Lynagh returns for Saracens, Robinson switches for Bath

ICHAEL LYNAGH, out with injury since early last month, returns for Saracens tonight when the Lon-

coming through a couple of | on the hip injury he suffered reaction.

Bath have switched their

recent friendlies without while inspiring the European

were demanding a 75 per cent pay increase for the tour, Cup victory over Dax. Mike starting in Argentina early Catt takes over goal-kicking next month, with leading

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Rugby League

Lowe blow as Lindsay pans Kiwis

Andy Wilson in Christchurch

HE financial embarrassment of the Lions tour, with an antici-pated loss of up to £500,000, yesterday elicited contrasting responses from officials in Britain and New

While Mike Knowles of the NZRL was guaranteeing the British manager Phil Lowe the money he needed to pay the players their weekly tour allowance, Maurice Lindsay, the Rugby League chief execu-tive, was blaming the Kiwis for

the cash crisis.

Lowe stressed after his conversation with Knowles that
his earlier complaints had n aimed at the poor promobeen aimed at the poor promo-tion of the Test series and that his only financial grouse had been with Rugby League head-quarters in Leeds, whose costcutting agenda was most clearly shown last week when 11 players were ordered home without consulting either him or Phil Larder, the coach.

Lindsay, however, pointed the finger at New Zealand. In prepared statement he said: The financial projections of gate receipts given to us by the NZRL have been widely [sic] optimistic to say the least When New Zealand invited us to tour we reminded 1990. We were assured that this would not happen again. I should not criticise the NZRL's marketing of the game. Perhaps they do, how-ever, need to revise their

ject organised under the Super League banner; its pro-motion in New Zealand being entrusted to Graham Carden, the man most responsible for the NZRL embracing Super

Despite sympathetic media coverage, the promotion of the tour locally has been virtually non-existent. Larder said yesterday: "It's as if we have been an embarrassment. We've got blazers, flannels and ties and we've not bloody worn them yet because we've not been to anything that warrants getting our make-up on. Nobody at all from the NZRL has contacted us since

we have been here." While most of the blame must lie with the Kiwis and Carden, it is naive of Lindsay to be surprised by the poor attendances. As Bernie Wood, a member of the NZRL board, pointed out, Lindsay man-aged the loss-making 1990 tour. He also criticised the British party for staying at the most expensive hotels in Auckland and Christchurch and pointed out that there is no tradition locally for watching rugby league in October, when people are more likely to be "planting potatoes and

All this must have had an unsettling effect on the British players, who at Lancaster Park here on Friday must win the third Test to avoid their first whitewash by New Zealand since 1984, and only their second ever.

However, their injury crisis should clear sufficiently to obviate the need to recall Lon-The losses are particularly don Broncos' half-back Tulembarrassing to Lindsay himsen Tollett, one of the 11 origiself because the tour is the nally sent home, who is on first major international pro- | holiday in Sydney.

Keighley chairman threatens to quit over victimisation claims

THE Keighley chairman Carl Metcalfe yesterday threatened to quit the game unless the Rugby Football League relents and allows two fellow directors to remain on the club's board. Metcalfe is expected to be re-appointed chairman later this week when the administrator Peter O'Hara, whom the club called in after revealing debts of £1 million, annonnces a new board. But, in accordance with RFL regulations, the directors Mike Smith and Alan Clark-son have been told to make

worked hard to turn the club round and they have been brave enough to bring the administrators in.
"Mike Smith raised

£300,000 in sponsorship last year and Alan Clark-son is one of the best rugby league people I know. Keighley Cougars are being totally victimised and I won't stand for it. "Six weeks ago the [RFL] council voted to give Keigh-

ley £550,000 over 12 months for finishing second in the First Division. Last week they of a loose forward and expects to score at least two or three tries a season.

This adaptable style of play was picked up in New Zealand where he spent the 1991-2 season. While studying for A levels at Godalming Col.

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"The South African RFU yesterday denied a report of a player revolt over wages for the Springbok tour of Argentine."

Like a good line-out man he shoulder in only his second for Saracens but he has proved his recovery by has a least two or three don side host Northampton in United to full-back for tonight's United to £175,000 and it was only when I said that of suites.

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Like a good line-out man he will wait and catch it when it comes.

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Golf

Scots lose their Open

David Davies

NE of goif's most evocative tournaments is no more. The Scottish Open, until two years ago one of the success stories of the PGA European Tour, has politics and mistaken poli-cies. Its place in the calendar, in the week before the Open Championship, is to be taken by the Loch Lomond World

The Loch Lomond Invitational was contested for the first time last month. The tournament and the new tracted huge crowds, good course, designed by Tom Weiskopf, are the creations of the American multi-million-

tournament, which had a prize fund of £750,000 this year, has a major car manufacturer as an additional sponser and talk that the prize million, so matching the richest events in the US, the Tour Championship and the Players Championship.

The BBC will give Loch Lo-mond nationwide coverage until 2000, adding the event to a portfolio that includes the Open Championship, the World Match Play and the

Volvo PGA Championship.
Whether the Royal and Ancient will be happy about such a lucrative event taking

Two years ago the Scottish Open, which had been spon-sored by Bell's, finished a tracted huge crowds, good fields, including Americans trying to qualify for the Open the American multi-million-aire Lyle Anderson.

There are rumours that the tournament, which had a sevents to BSkyB, including

the Scottish Open. Bell's dropped out, the event was moved to Carnous-tie and there was a drop in interest, the quality of the field and attendances. Com-mercial interest was negligible and the tournament began to lose money.

This year the title was sold to the Tour in partnership with IMG, and it was expected to move from Carnoustie, But the title may not have been IMG's principal interest; what they bought was a pack-age that included the Rugby World Cup rights.

There will be no Scottish place the week before its Open for at least four years, championship and over- for the deal includes an agreeshadowing its prize fund by ment that no other Tour event around £750,000 is doubtful. will be played in the country. will be played in the country.

Part of the reason is a desire not to saturate the spec-tating public, for next year's Open is being played at Royal Troon in Scotland, Carnous-tle is the host in 1998 and St

Andrews the following year.

It will also help fulfil Anderson's wish to take his tournament to the top. The World Tour is to make a limited start in 1998 and is projecting just one designated strokeplay event.

Anderson feels that Scot-land, the home of the game, should be host to that event and, if his is the only tournaand, if his is the only want in town, so to speak, then where else to play it than then where else to play it than ing a new company.

Norman leaves | Gallacher resigns plum job

As Greg Norman failed to come under starter's orders for the rain-delayed was contemplating his future without the guiding hand of the International

Management Group. Norman, who was lying 15 shots behind Tom Lehman, the runaway leader, left without explanation. When asked why the Australian had pulled out, the Tour commissioner Tim Finchem said: "I don't know." Asked if Norman was injured, Finchem added: "Not to my knowledge." Norman bad also arrived

late for the tournament in Oklahoma. "He had a good reason," said Finchem. Faldo's decision to end his 20-year relationship with IMG mirrors the exodus of Norman in 1994 and Zimbabwe's Nick Price last year. Initially Faldo will

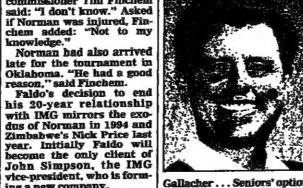
without a word as Wentworth professional

Alister Micol

final day's play in the US
Tour Championship in
Tulsa, Britain's Nick Faldo

ERNARD GALLACHER
has resigned as the professional at Wentworth, widely regarded as the top club job in Britain. The former Ryder Cup captain, who led Europe to victory last year, leaves at the end of the year. He says "there is nothing sinister" behind his decision.

"I have felt I wanted to do



Gallacher . . . Seniors' option

other things for some time," he said. "I discussed things with the board, who have reluctantly agreed to release me from my contract which still has some years to run." Gallacher, 47, said he had no other job lined up. "There may be opportunities to do other things but nothing at the moment. I am, of course an honorary member of Went-worth, my family are all

members and we have no plans to move from our home on the Wentworth Estate.
'I may play a little more golf than I have done recently and the European Seniors Tour, which I will be eligible

to join in a couple of years, is becoming stronger each year. That might be an option."

Callacher, who has talked of establishing his own golf academy in the long term and has the qualifications for a green dearner in the sport's second career in the sport's administration, first moved to Wentworth in 1970 as assistant to the late Tom Haliburton and is recommending that David Rennie, another Scot and his senior assistant, should become his successor.

Hockey

Norton roll out the green carpet

Pat Rowley

NORTON, from Cleveland, will be able to celebrate the laying of their own artifi-cial pitch in some style after being drawn at home to Canterbury, the National League Premier side, in the third round of the HA Cup on Sunday week. The North League leaders

will fancy their chances; in the same round last season they visited Bournville, then in the top division, and won 3-1.

Canterbury will have to travel north after their home league match with Teddington the previous day, a game they may well regard as more important since avoiding relega-tion is their top priority.

They are not the only Pre-mier club heading north. East

Grinstead, the former cup winners, have to go to Shef-field after a Saturday home match against Barford.
Last year's finalists Reading and Old Loughtonians have been given byes to the

third round because Slough and Oxford University have withdrawn. There are two Premier Division ties: Barford go to Southgate seeking revenge for last Sunday's 7-1 league defeat, and Teddington are at

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Cricket

England A face spin doctoring

NGLAND have suffered badly against wrist spinners in Test series during recent years and that fact is likely to play on the minds of the A team when the opening match of their seven-week Australian tour begins against a New South Wales XI on Thursday.
Although NSW will be

forced to field a relatively inexperienced side with senior players such as Greg Mat-thews and Stuart Law playing cup cricket, their line-up for the four-day game in Tam-worth, which is some 200 miles north of Sydney, will contain two lively legspinners

David Freedman is a leftarmer who played for Austra-lia last summer and Stuart MacGill is rated by many as second only to Shane Warne in his execution of the wristspinner's art. To combat the threat posed

by the pair, the England squad were given a rigorous net session at the Sydney Cricket Ground yesterday with a couple of local wrist spinners having been brought in to help them with their preparations.

England will complete their build-up today with a private practice match at the SCG but will not be naming their side until they have inspected the Tamworth pitch after flying there tomorrow.

Silver touch eludes Bruguera on everyman's carpet

Nichard Jago in Paris

HE silver medal won rom the Catalan, who two years ago came close to be coming the first Spaniard to top the world rankings. Yesterday even the anvirons of Bruguera's favourite tennis city, where he won successive One. Yesterday even the environs of Bruguera's favourite tennis city, where he
won successive French
Open titles, were not
smough to inspire him to

clay-court opponents, and he was well beaten 6-4, 6-3 by the leading Frenchman Cedric Pioline in the first

appears different. Gone is the glass-fibre temperament of baseline struggles and in its place is self-doubt. Bruguera broke serve

pass on the backmand.
Pioline saved a breakpoint in the opening game
of the second set with a
forcing first serve, and that

burningly oppressive day in Barcelona in 1992 when forcing first serve, and that he came back from exhaus-was the end of Bruguera's tion to win gold. But he is

the rhythmic rallying which once mesmerised which once mesmerised level from the knee injury he was well beaten 6-4, 6-3 and operation which sent his ranking hurtling from Cedric Pioline in the first round of the Paris Open.

Brownera had to adjust to players a chance to impose their styles.

Tim Henman, the British
No. 1, won the first set of
his first-round match against Carlos Moya, the Spaniard who, at No. 24, is one above him in the world rankings, only to go down 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.



"Fritz Figpot, From Frankfurt, had a dream to grow the world's largest potato. "Bigger! Bigger!" he whispered for 15 hours a day. coaxing the spud with promises of greatness."

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Premiership: Nottingham Forest 0, Everton 1

Short sharp shock shatters Forest

David Lacey SOGGY evening at the City Ground offered little for the comfort of Nottingto an early header from Craig Short and were only kept in

the game thereafter by Ever-

this season neither Forest nor Everton have done a great deal to capture the imagination, attacking sterility being a problem for both sides. Everton arrived having played only one match in a

month, and that a none-tooconvincing victory over West Ham. Nevertheless they were winning occasionally, unlike Forest, who were still seeking tneir Iirst leagu Victor

Coventry on the opening day. | with a sharp, downward | when Lyttle's long, low centre | Campbell, like Pearce, was | header past Crossley's left | from the right skidded past | still unfit for duty. While the Forest goalkeeper The postponement of the

had done well to push wide a shot from Kanchelskis, his Merseyside derby nine days earlier because of a water-logged Anfield pitch had dejudgment in staying on his line appeared to be at fault prived Everton of match pracwhen the corner came over. tice. Not that it really mattered. Within five min-As rain swept the ground the utes Everton were in front as Forest supporters wondered Hinchcliffe's corner, taken on about their judgment in not the right and swung in leftdeciding to stay at home.

the last Everton defender as the striker raced in to meet it. But at the crucial moment Lee fell over, and the City Ground sighed anew.

Everton, outnumbering Forest in midfield and often outflanking them on the right, continued to trust in the pace of Kanchelskis and Hinchcliffe's way with cor-Haaland, rather than Phillips. filled in for Pearce at left-back but the England defender's absence was still embarrass ingly conspicuous. Midway through the first

half Everton should have increased their lead when a slip by Chettle allowed Branch a free run down the right. Stuart was waiting at the far post for a tan-in, but Branch chose to shoot and drove the ball

into the side-netting.

Everton nearly rued that just before the half-bour. Short was cautioned for trip-ping Phillips, who drove the free-kick hard and flat to the far post, where Lee's header was a fraction off target.

With Saunders popping up everywhere. Forest got some momentum into their move-

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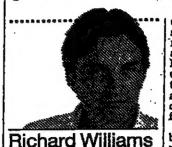
Southall had some shots to deal without being called upon to make anything that could be described as a save until he tipped a header from Saunders over midway

through the second half. Everton, by contrast, continued to break down Forest's cover with brisk passing ille Branch's Willir take on opponents was an additional threat. They should have increased their lead but Kanchelskis's languid shot wide from Stuart's return pass summed up the casual-ness of their finishing.

Even so, Everton had the balance and organisation ab-sent from most of Forest's attacks. What Everton needed was one of Kanchelskis's snap shots to find the target. Speed did better with one that Crossley could only parry, and Stuart went close with a diving header.

Seunders.
Evertena Southall: Short, Watson.
Unsworth, Barretl. Kanchelskis,
Perkinson, Speed, Hinchelitie, Stuart.
Branch (Grant. 77).
Referees P Durkin (Portland).

United pride that needed pricking



country yesterday morning small boys went back to school after the half-term holiday to be greeted with a gleeful

.. five-nil . . . six-three." The life of a Manchester United supporter is not all wine and roses, and a good thing too. Most of the time they have it easy enough. But if you choose to support the winners, as tens of thousands throughout Britain do when they give their allegiance to United, then it does you no harm at all to be reminded every now and then that such a choice offers no guarantee of satisfaction, and indeed that i ou flirt with hubris you can be sure that it will not be long before Nemesis comes knock-ing on the door.

Alex Ferguson, as we know, is not a good loser. He greets defeat with a scowl and, if pushed to discuss it further on terms that do not fit his own views, a snarl. On Saturday he left The Dell without talking to the assembled newspaper reporters, which notionally deprived them of his views but in fact probably saved everyone concerned yet another ex-

ample of his famous red rages. It has to be said that, if he were any different, Manches-ter United would probably not bave ended their long champ onship drought before the end of the century, never mind achieving the unique double Double. And in a sense he has arned the right to his reac tion, since he came uncomplainingly through the fire of his difficult early years at Old Trafford before leading the club into the sunlit uplands represented by a stock-market valuation of getting on for half a billion. United celebrate two anni-

versaries next month. On November 6 it will be 10 years since Ferguson arrived at the club. Three weeks later there will be the fourth anniversary of Eric Cantona's sudden transfer from Leeds, the moment which delivered the club from their torment. How fascinating, therefore, that both should be facing perhaps their greatest test in their time at Old Trafford. In terms of results on the pitch, anyway. Perhaps the long-term suc-

cess of their partnership has something to do with a shared recognition of similar temper-Both are hard men who bruise easily; this says nothing about their physical or moral cour-age but it does make life diffi-cult for them and, no doubt, for those around them, too. Cantona has come close to

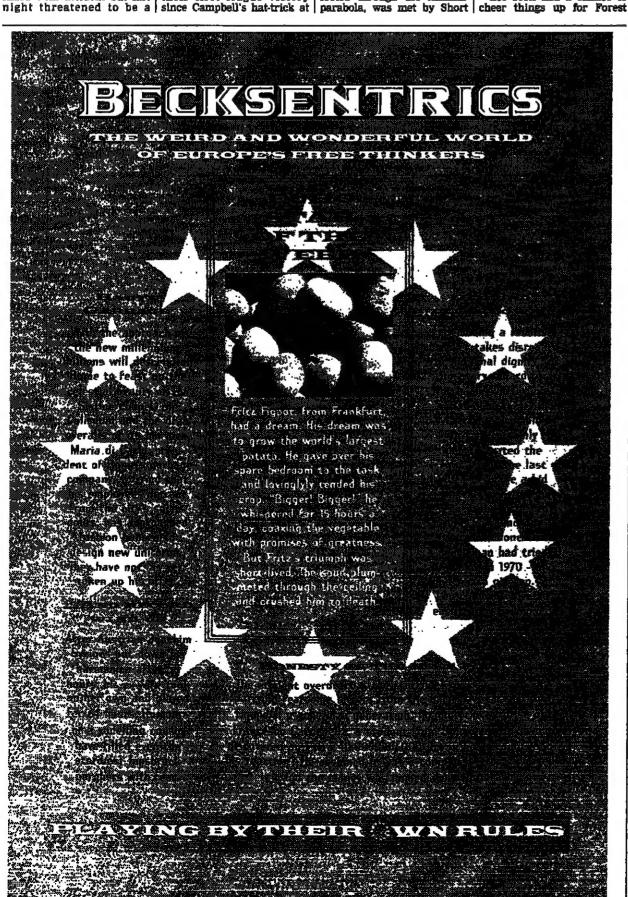
being sent off in both United's recent heavy defeats. It seems unlikely that the strategists at events pass unnoticed. How much easier the Turkish team's task might be in the Champions League tomorrow night at Old Trafford were the Frenchman to be persuaded to take an early bath. And how potentially depressing would be the consequences of this decline for those of us who defended Cantona after the Selhurst Park affair and who were delighted by the success of his eventual rehabilitation

within the English game. On the other hand, the original defence of Cantona was mounted in the full knowledge of who he is and how he responds to the things that go on around him in a match. It would be unreasonable to expect the events of two years ago to have made any funda-mental change in his charac ter, so it is always on the cards that, even if he is never again confronted by a Matthew Simmons, one day there will be another defender who gets on his nerves, just as John Mon-cur and John Polston did in the pre-Selhurst days.

Cantona has the wit to contemplate the price of another dismissal. All his brains are in his boots Again, Ferguson probably sympathy with a hot-head; but he must value Keane's contribution very highly to put up with a player who still has not learnt the folly of so rancorously disputing a refer ee's decisions, particularly when he was not involved.

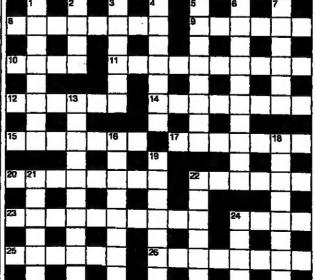
Keane's dismissal against Southampton may have been a shade unlucky, since the second yellow-card offence could have yielded no more than a free-kick, but he brought it on himself and, in so doing, brought the roof down on his team-mates. It will be interesting to see if he goes the way of Paul Ince, another outstanding footballer who was allowed to leave after his unruly passion proved

counter-productive.
In the need to resolve this whole little crisis, Ferguson faces a fascinating examination of his own resources and of what he has learnt in the last 10 extraordinary years.



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- 9 German lady's servant (6) 10 Give way on stated issue (4) 11 Novel situation featuring for example academic and
- politician (5,5) 12 An inferior part of Shakespeare (6)
- 14 Oriental ball (8)
- 15 Let go or let out again (7) 17 Stir caused by silver object
- at exhibition opening (7) 20 Steep camera-angle
- Lawrence used (8) 22 Statesman with no disposition to flag 6)
- 23 Study submissions by rivals (10) 24 Chief gets one in person (4)
- 25 Rush to tend queen (6) 26 Plant that bids farewell to rain perhaps (8)

- 1 Did she make writer run away? (8)
- 2 Spot burrowing animal (4)
- 3 Master turbulent current (6) 4 Come up with the goods (7) 5 Having ideas about
- insubstantial ruler? (8) 6 Unconstrained bird or animal of dubious sexuality
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